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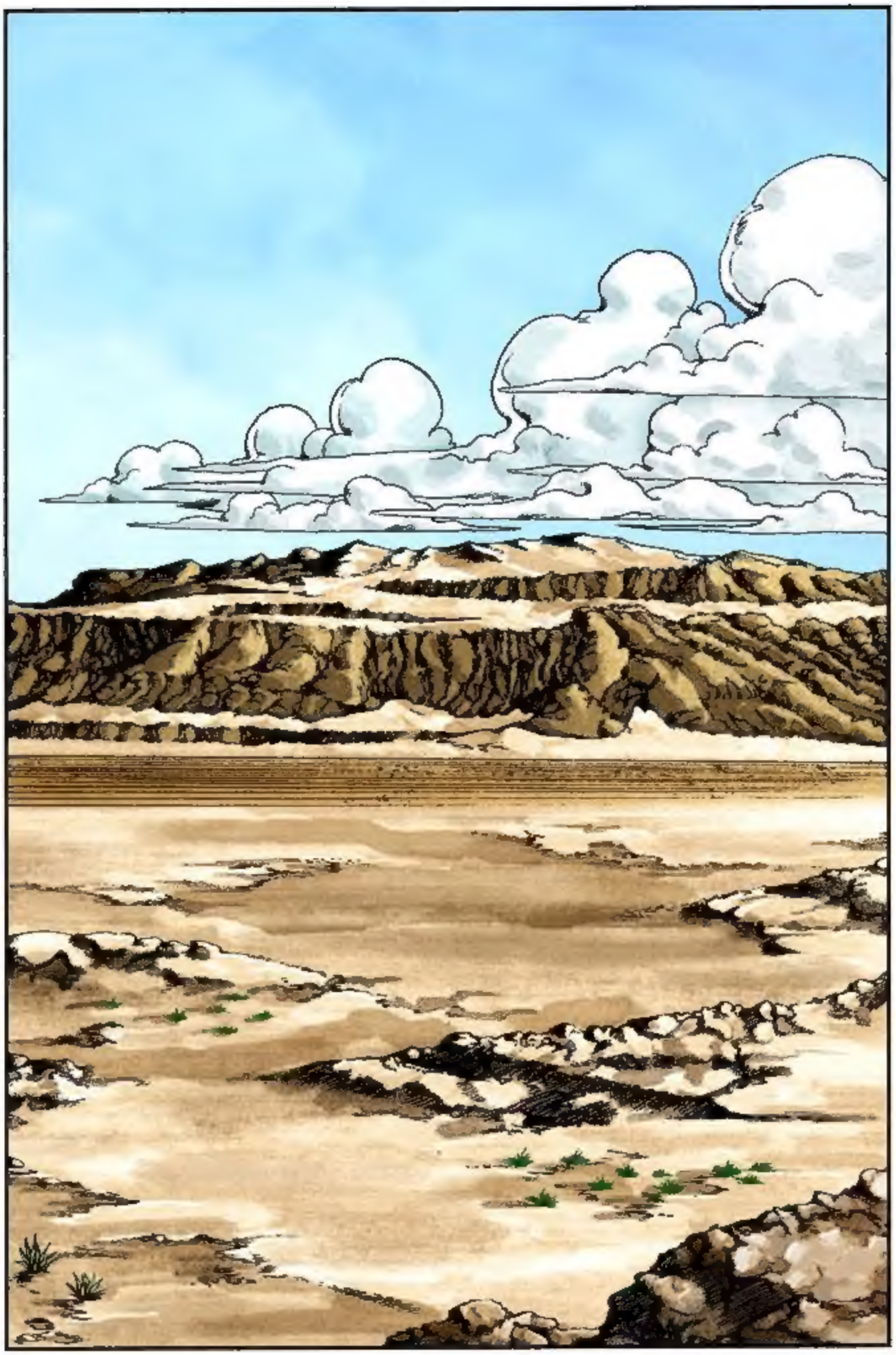
STEEL BALL RUN

#24 INTERMISSION (INTERLUDE PIECE)



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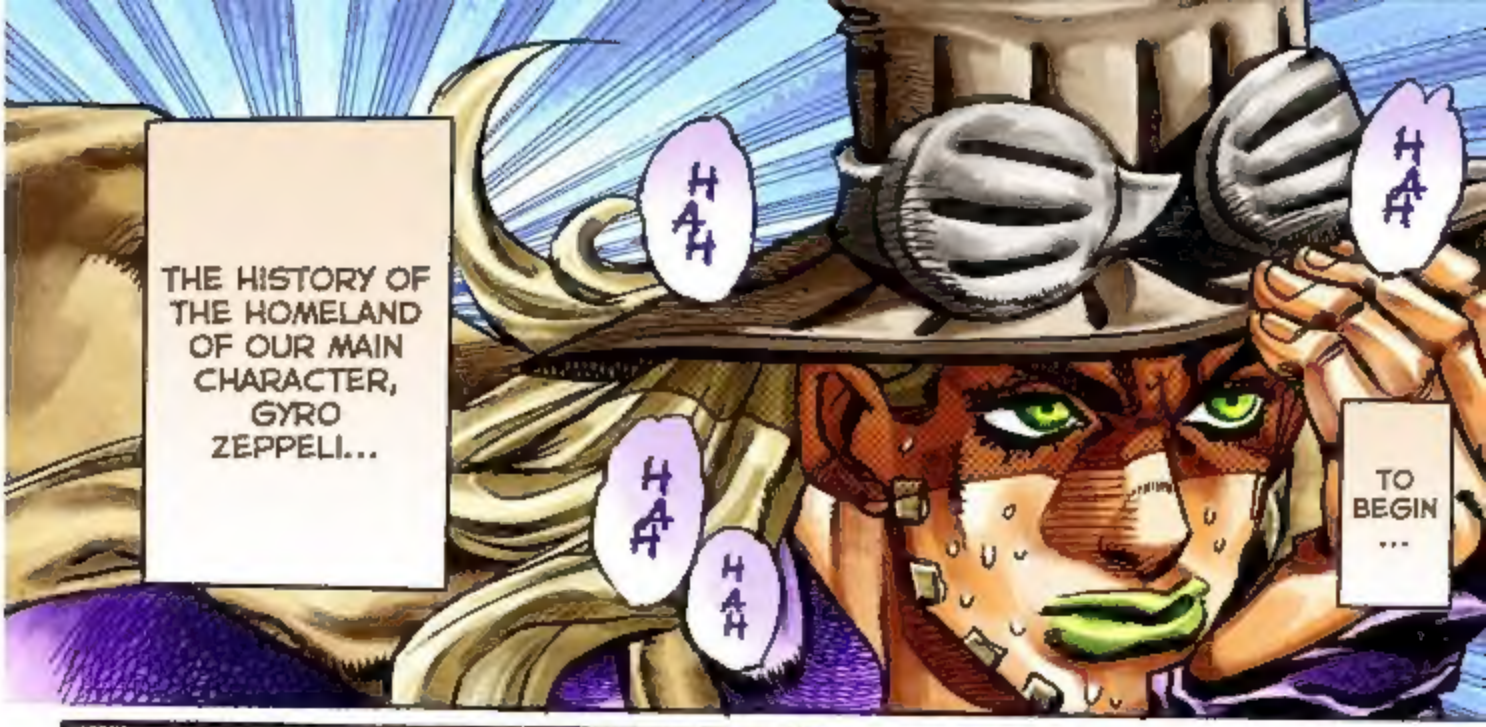
THE HISTORY OF THE HOMELAND OF OUR MAIN CHARACTER, GYRO ZEPPELI...
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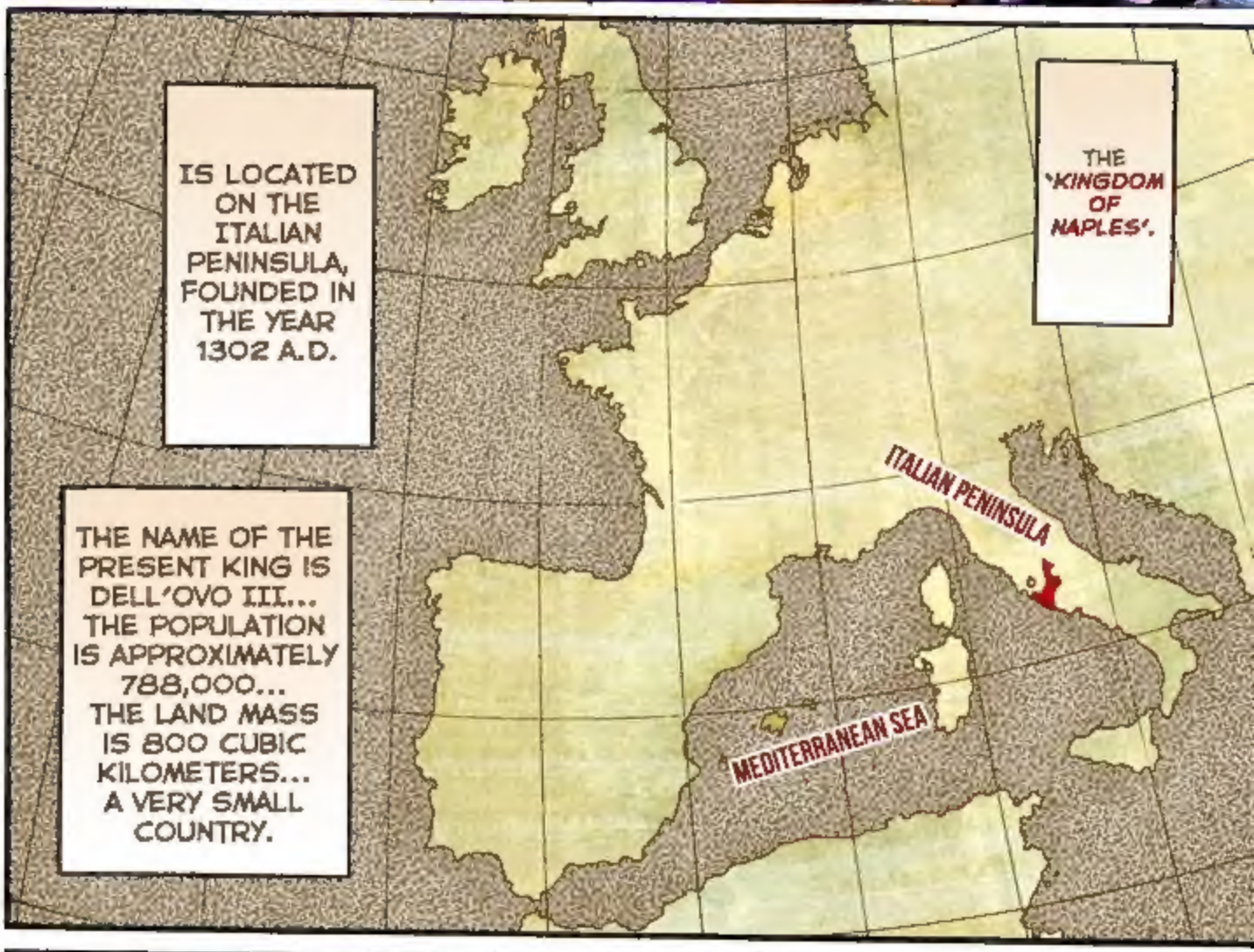
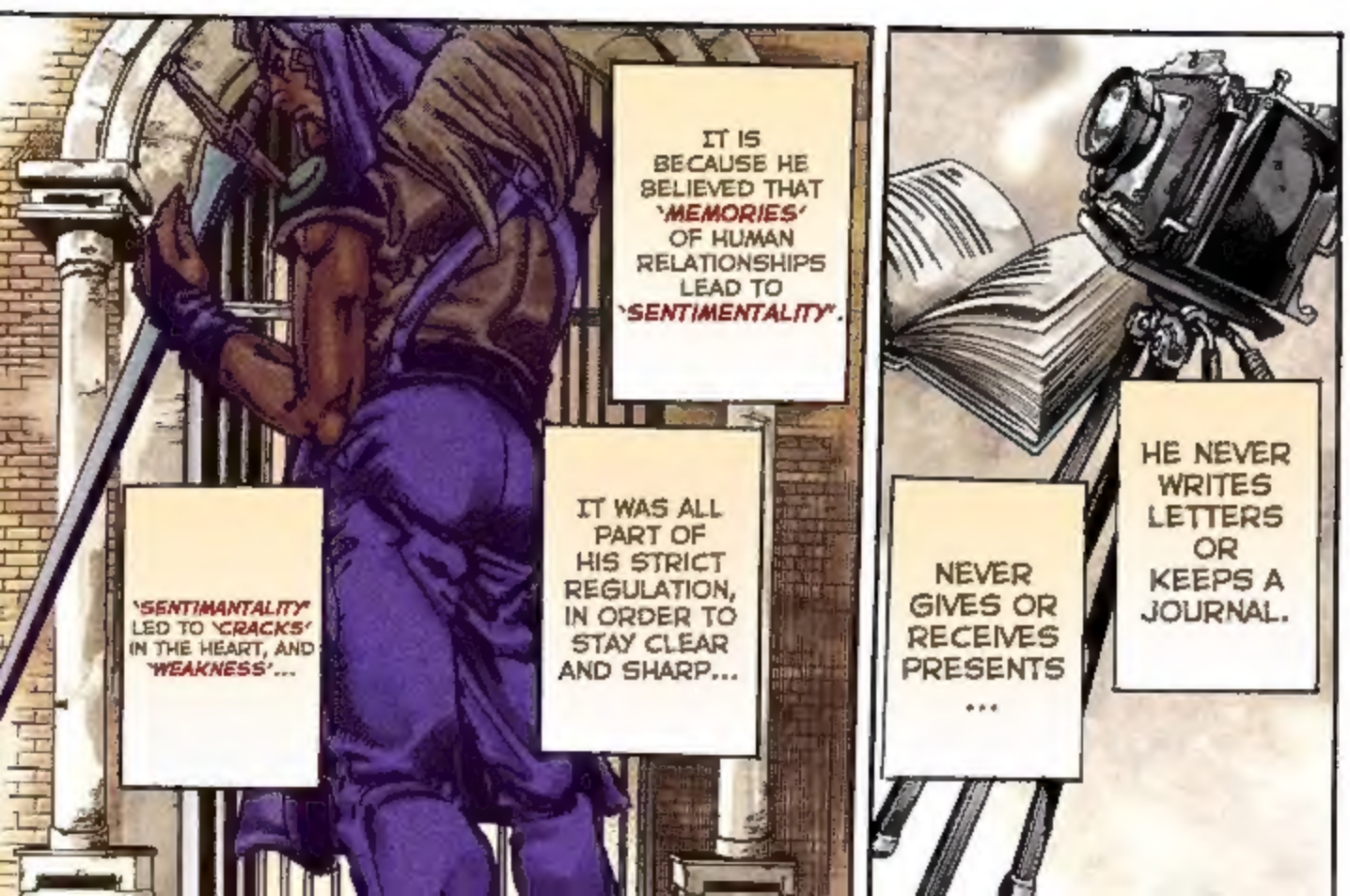
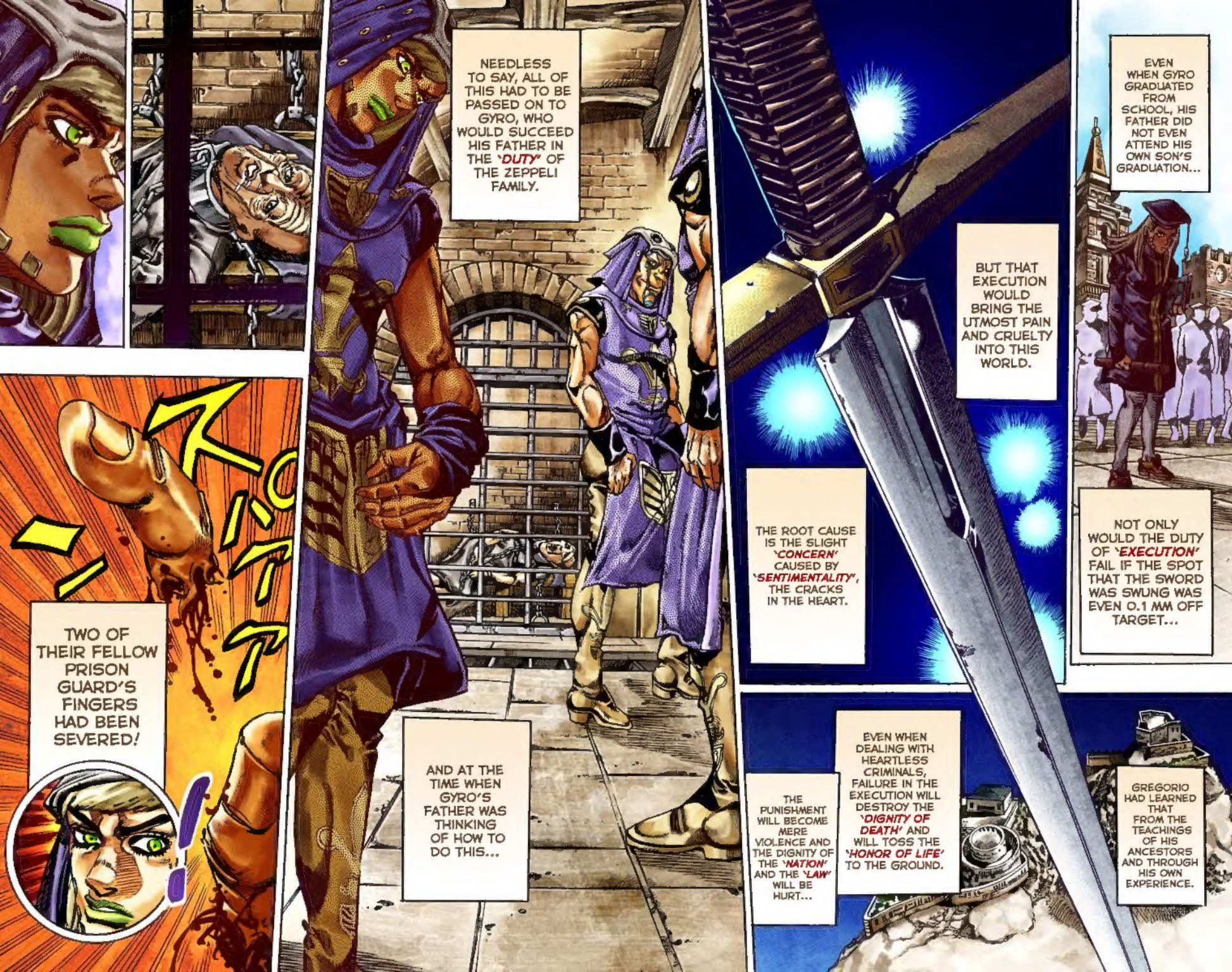
TO BEGIN ...


IS LOCATED ON THE ITALIAN PENINSULA, FOUNDED IN THE YEAR 1302 A.D.
THE 'KINGDOM OF NAPLES'.
THE NAME OF THE PRESENT KING IS DELL'OVO III... THE POPULATION IS APPROXIMATELY 788,000... THE LAND MASS IS 800 CUBIC KILOMETERS... A VERY SMALL COUNTRY.
ITALIAN PENINSULA
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

AFTER ALL, SOME EVEN DARED TO TURN AGAINST 'GOD'... AS THE ARCHANGEL LUCIFER DID AND FELL TO EARTH.
IT IS A COUNTRY WITH MANY ENEMIES, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BEEN APPROVED IN ITALY'S UNIFICATION IN 1870.
THOUGH IT IS POLITICALLY NEUTRAL, IT WAS A COUNTRY FOUNDED TO PROVIDE MILITARY PROTECTION FOR 'THE VATICAN', THE CENTER OF CHRISTIANITY.

HE EVEN AVOIDS VISITING PEOPLE AND GOING TO WEDDINGS... HE SPENDS DINNER WITH ONLY HIS FAMILY...
HE HAS NEVER EVEN INVITED RELATIVES TO HIS HOUSE...
HE ALSO DOES NOT ALLOW ANY PICTURES TO BE TAKEN...
GREGORIO ZEPPELI, THE FATHER OF GYRO ZEPPELI, IS A MAN WHO HAS LIVED HIS LIFE APART FROM 'SENTIMENTALITY'.
HE NEVER MAKES PERSONAL FRIENDS, NEVER OWNS PETS...


'SENTIMANTALITY' LED TO 'CRACKS' IN THE HEART, AND 'WEAKNESS'...
IT IS BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT 'MEMORIES' OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS LEAD TO 'SENTIMENTALITY'.
IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS STRICT REGULATION, IN ORDER TO STAY CLEAR AND SHARP...
NEVER GIVES OR RECEIVES PRESENTS ...
HE NEVER WRITES LETTERS OR KEEPS A JOURNAL.


NEEDLESS TO SAY, ALL OF THIS HAD TO BE PASSED ON TO GYRO, WHO WOULD SUCCEED HIS FATHER IN THE 'DUTY' OF THE ZEPPELI FAMILY.
AND AT THE TIME WHEN GYRO'S FATHER WAS THINKING OF HOW TO DO THIS...
TWO OF THEIR FELLOW PRISON GUARD'S FINGERS HAD BEEN SEVERED!
BUT THAT EXECUTION WOULD BRING THE UTMOST PAIN AND CRUELTY INTO THIS WORLD.
THE ROOT CAUSE IS THE SLIGHT 'CONCERN' CAUSED BY 'SENTIMENTALITY', THE CRACKS IN THE HEART.
THE PUNISHMENT WILL BECOME MERE VIOLENCE AND THE DIGNITY OF THE 'NATION' AND THE 'LAW' WILL BE HURT...
EVEN WHEN DEALING WITH HEARTLESS CRIMINALS, FAILURE IN THE EXECUTION WILL DESTROY THE 'DIGNITY OF DEATH' AND WILL TOSS THE 'HONOR OF LIFE' TO THE GROUND.
EVEN WHEN GYRO GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL, HIS FATHER DID NOT EVEN ATTEND HIS OWN SON'S GRADUATION...
NOT ONLY WOULD THE DUTY OF 'EXECUTION' FAIL IF THE SPOT THAT THE SWORD WAS SWUNG WAS EVEN 0.1 MM OFF TARGET...
GREGORIO HAD LEARNED THAT FROM THE TEACHINGS OF HIS ANCESTORS AND THROUGH HIS OWN EXPERIENCE.

MY FINGERRR!
WHILE SHE WAS BEING ESCORTED, SHE STARTED MOVING LIKE A WILD DOG AND BIT OFF THE PRISON GUARD'S FINGERS. WITH THE POWER OF A PUMP...
BUT SHE WAS SMALL AND PALE... AND BEAUTIFUL.
THAT WOMAN WAS A PRISONER CONDEMNED TO DEATH WHO HAD POISONED AND KILLED MANY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.
GYRO! YOUR STEEL BALL! STOP HER!

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IT WAS DONE IN A CALM MANNER AND WITH POLITE WORDING.
BUT WHEN GYRO'S FATHER HEARD OF THE INCIDENT, HE DISPLAYED STRICT ANGER AGAINST HIS SON... AND YET...
THIS CASE DID NOT BECOME TOO MUCH OF A DISASTER...

I WAS THE ONE WHO CALMED THE WOMAN, FATHER.
ONLY ME?
I THINK I WAS OF SOME HELP.

GYRO PAUSED FOR A MOMENT... AND THEN QUIETLY DEFENDED HIMSELF,

MY SON...
THIS INCIDENT...
...IS AN ACCIDENT CAUSED ENTIRELY BY YOU.
YOU ARE THE ONE RESPON-SIBLE.

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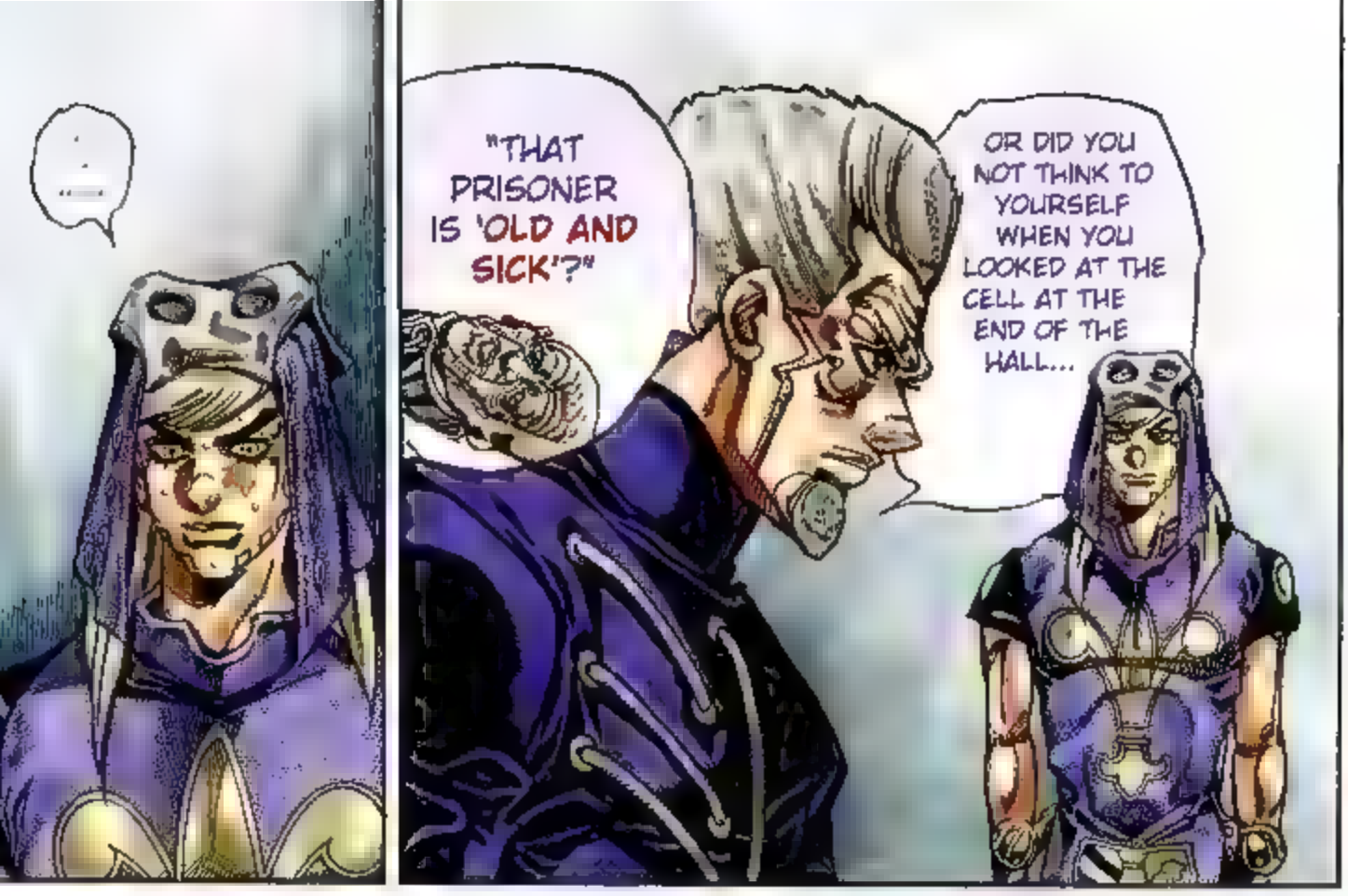
"THE WOMAN IS BEATIFUL... AND SHE IS QUITE SMALL."
IS THAT SO? DID YOU NOT THINK OF HER THIS WAY?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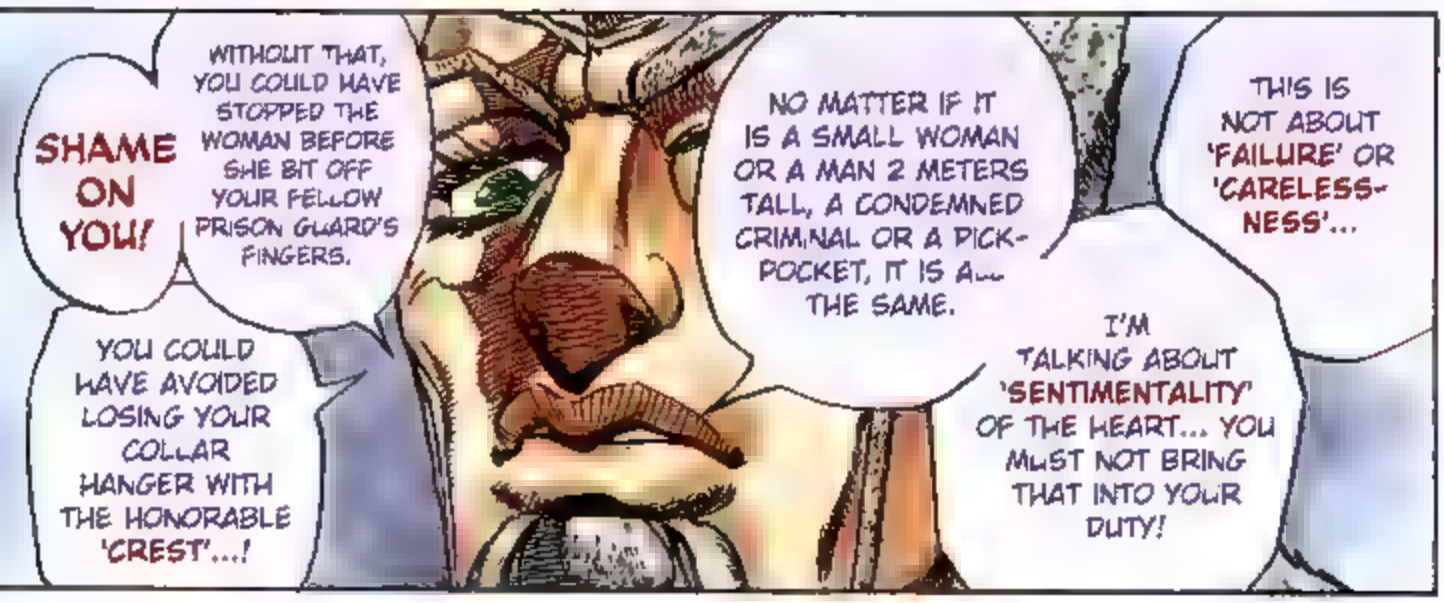
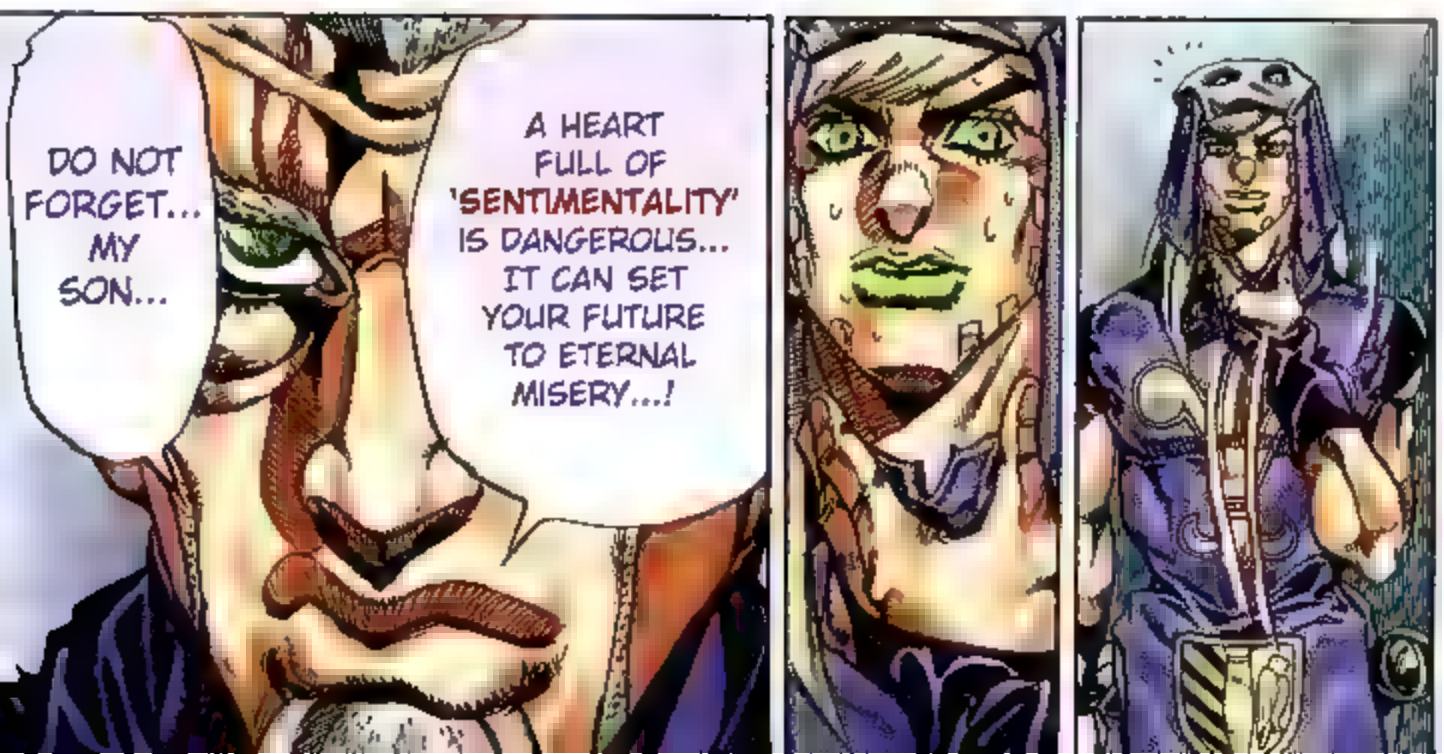
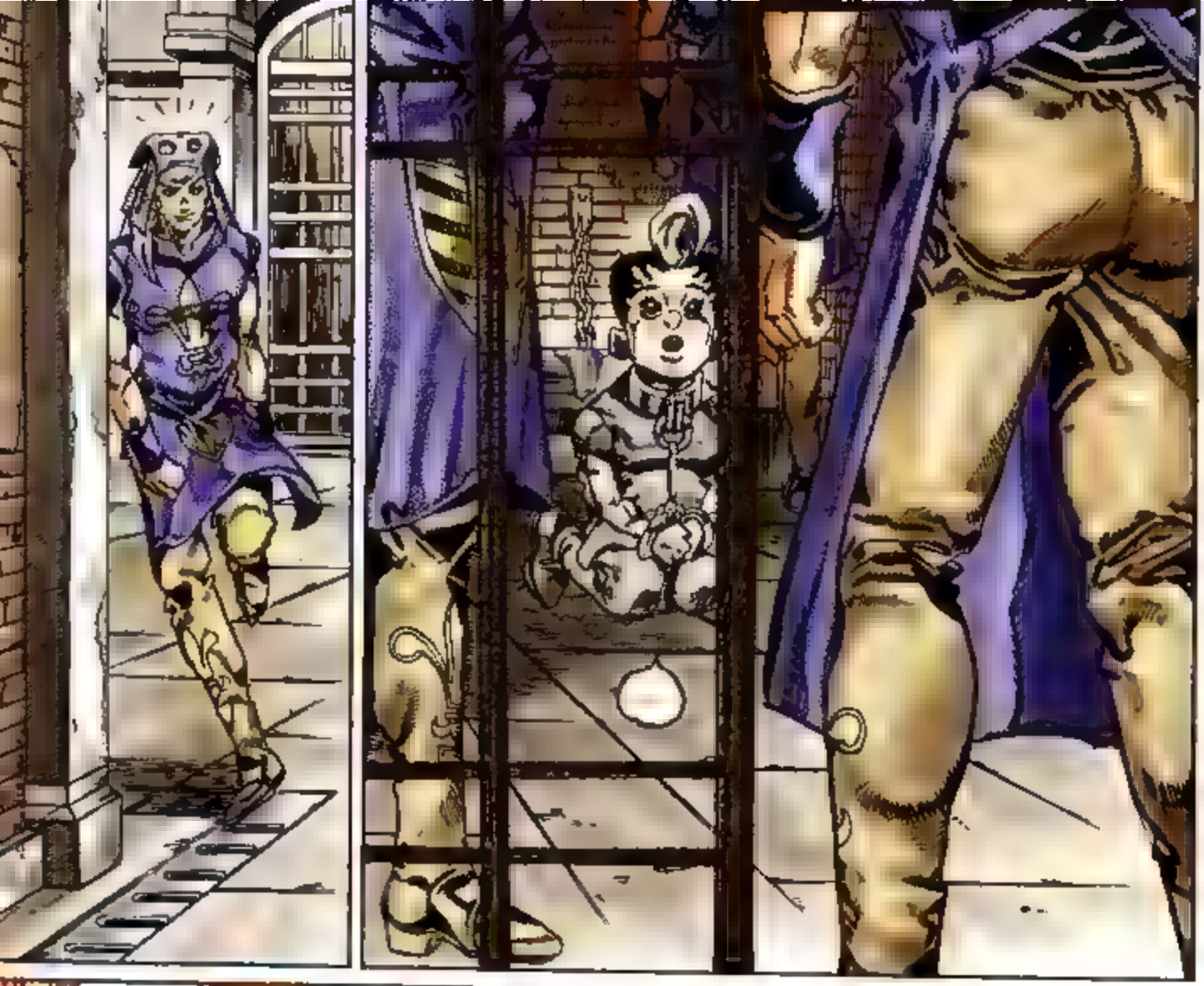
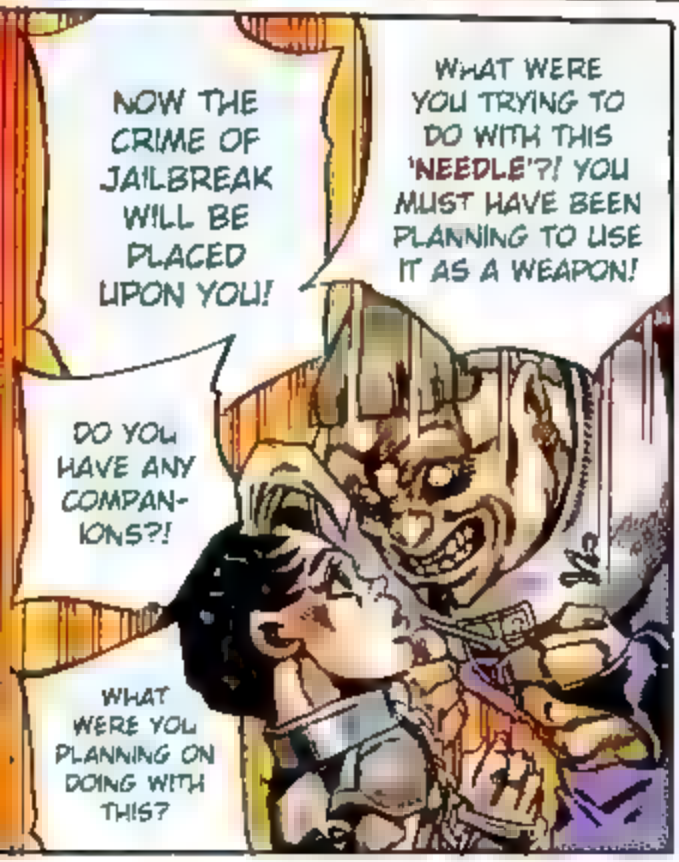
"THAT PRISONER IS 'OLD AND SICK'?"
OR DID YOU NOT THINK TO YOURSELF WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THE CELL AT THE END OF THE HALL...

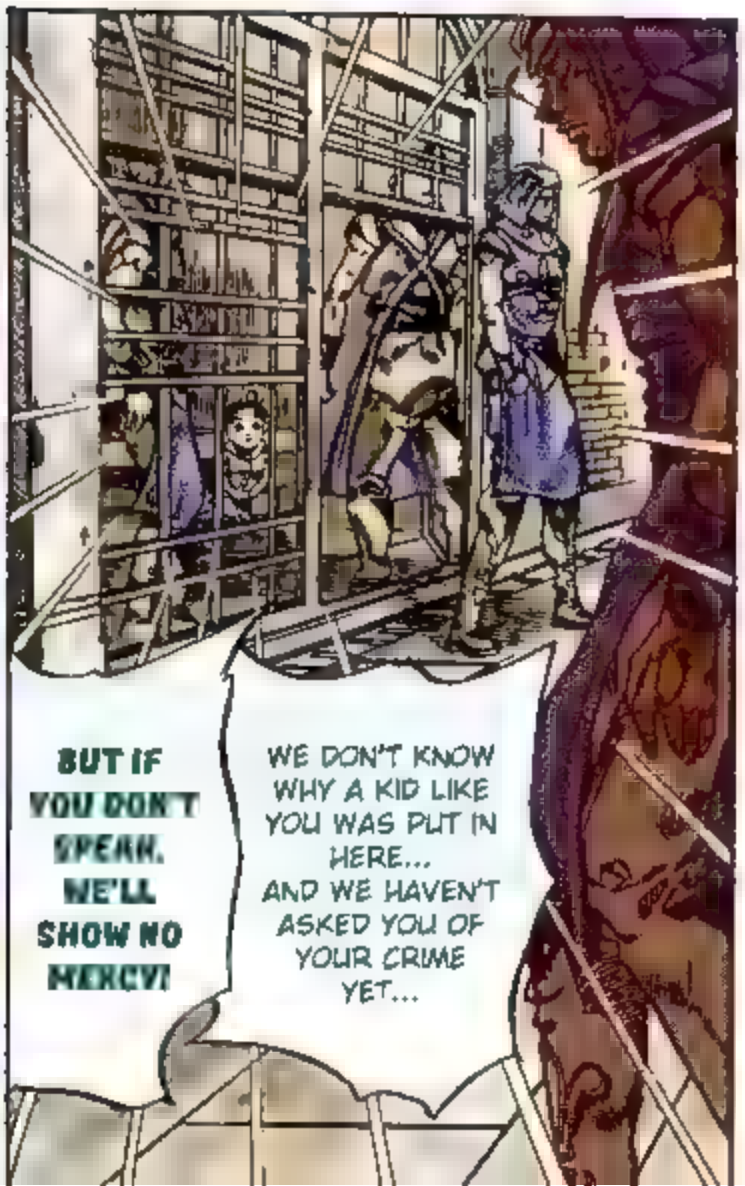

SHAME ON YOU!
WITHOUT THAT, YOU COULD HAVE STOPPED THE WOMAN BEFORE SHE BIT OFF YOUR FELLOW PRISON GUARD'S FINGERS.
YOU COULD HAVE AVOIDED LOSING YOUR COLLAR HANGER WITH THE HONORABLE 'CREST'...!
NO MATTER IF IT IS A SMALL WOMAN OR A MAN 2 METERS TALL, A CONDEMNED CRIMINAL OR A PICK-POCKET, IT IS A... THE SAME.
THIS IS NOT ABOUT 'FAILURE' OR 'CARELESS-NESS'...
I'M TALKING ABOUT 'SENTIMENTALITY' OF THE HEART... YOU MUST NOT BRING THAT INTO YOUR DUTY!

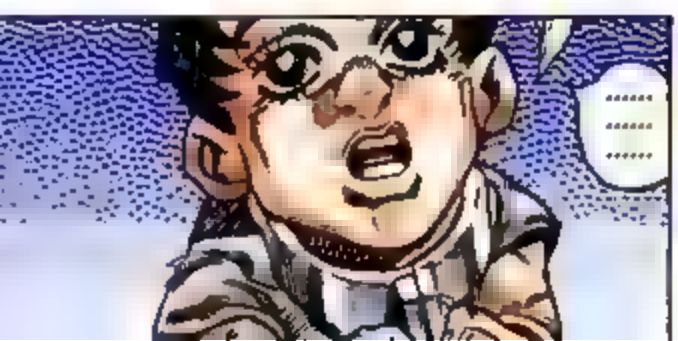

DO NOT FORGET... MY SON...
A HEART FULL OF 'SENTIMENTALITY' IS DANGEROUS... IT CAN SET YOUR FUTURE TO ETERNAL MISERY...!

ANOTHER DISTURBANCE WAS HAPPEN NG...
A FEW DAYS PASSED ...
MORNING CAME AND GYRO WAS CALLED TO DUTY...
WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE CELLS ...
THAT THE 'ZEPPELI KINSMEN' HAD FOLLOWED THROUGH THE AGES.
THIS IS THE 'ROAD' ...
SINCE WHEN DID YOU HAVE IT? WHERE DID YOU GET THIS 'NEEDLE'?!
THIS IS A 'NEEDLE', ISN'T IT?!
WE'LL MAKE YOU SPEAK!




NOW THE CRIME OF JAILBREAK WILL BE PLACED UPON YOU!
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO WITH THIS 'NEEDLE'?! YOU MUST HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO USE IT AS A WEAPON!
DO YOU HAVE ANY COMPANIONS?!
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WITH THIS?


BUT IF YOU DON'T SPEAK, WE'LL SHOW NO MERCY!
WE DON'T KNOW WHY A KID LIKE YOU WAS PUT IN HERE... AND WE HAVEN'T ASKED YOU OF YOUR CRIME YET...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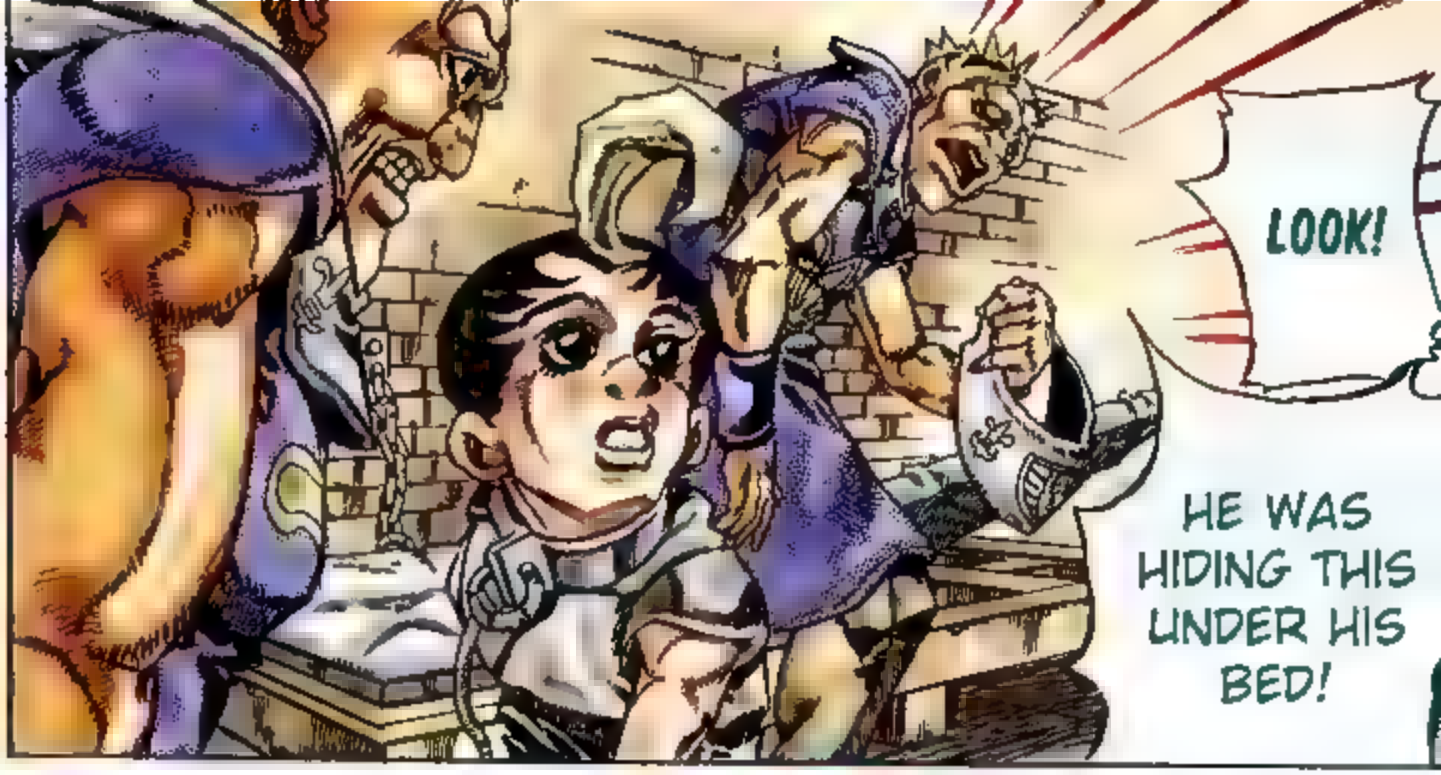
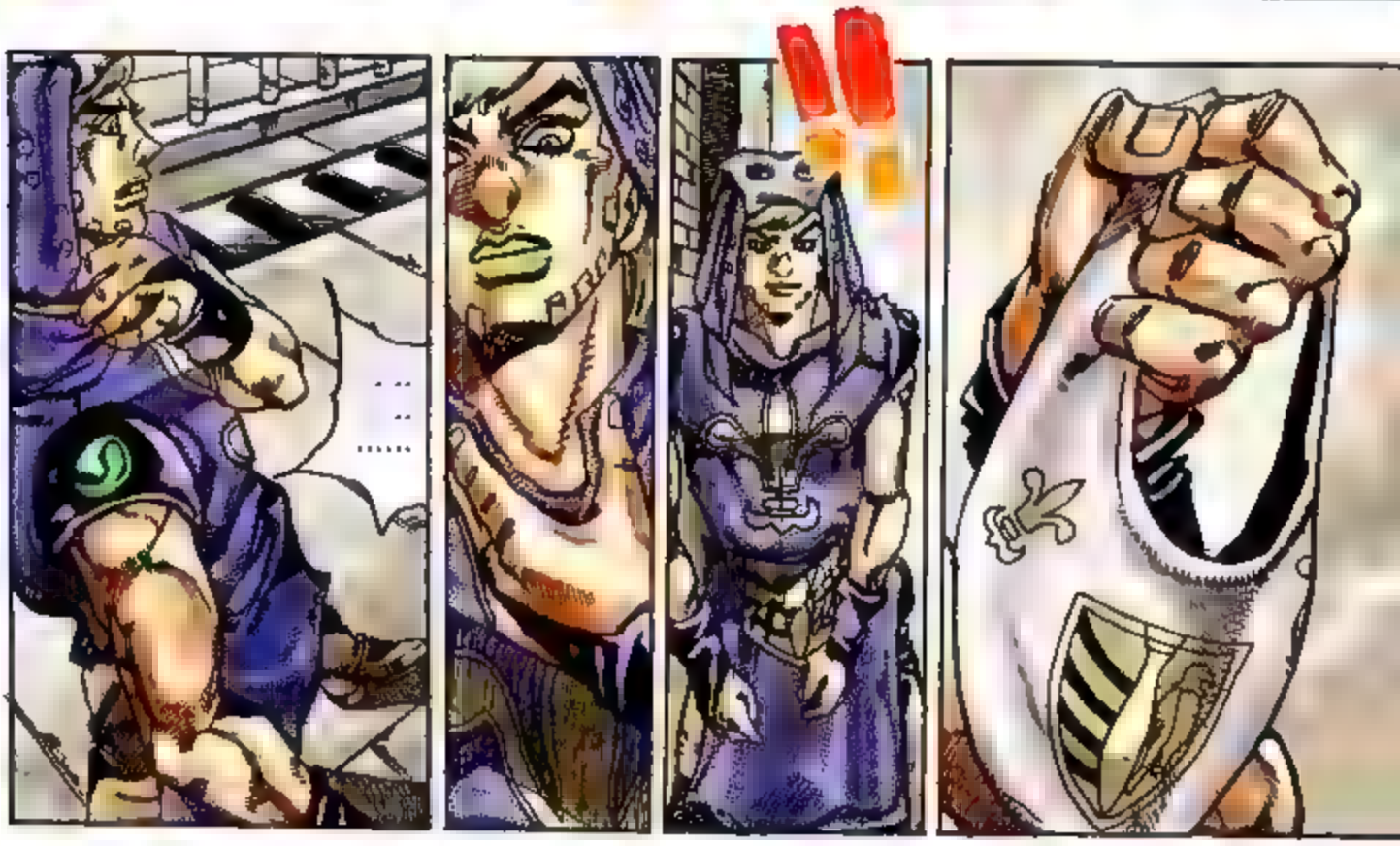

LOOK!
HE WAS HIDING THIS UNDER HIS BED!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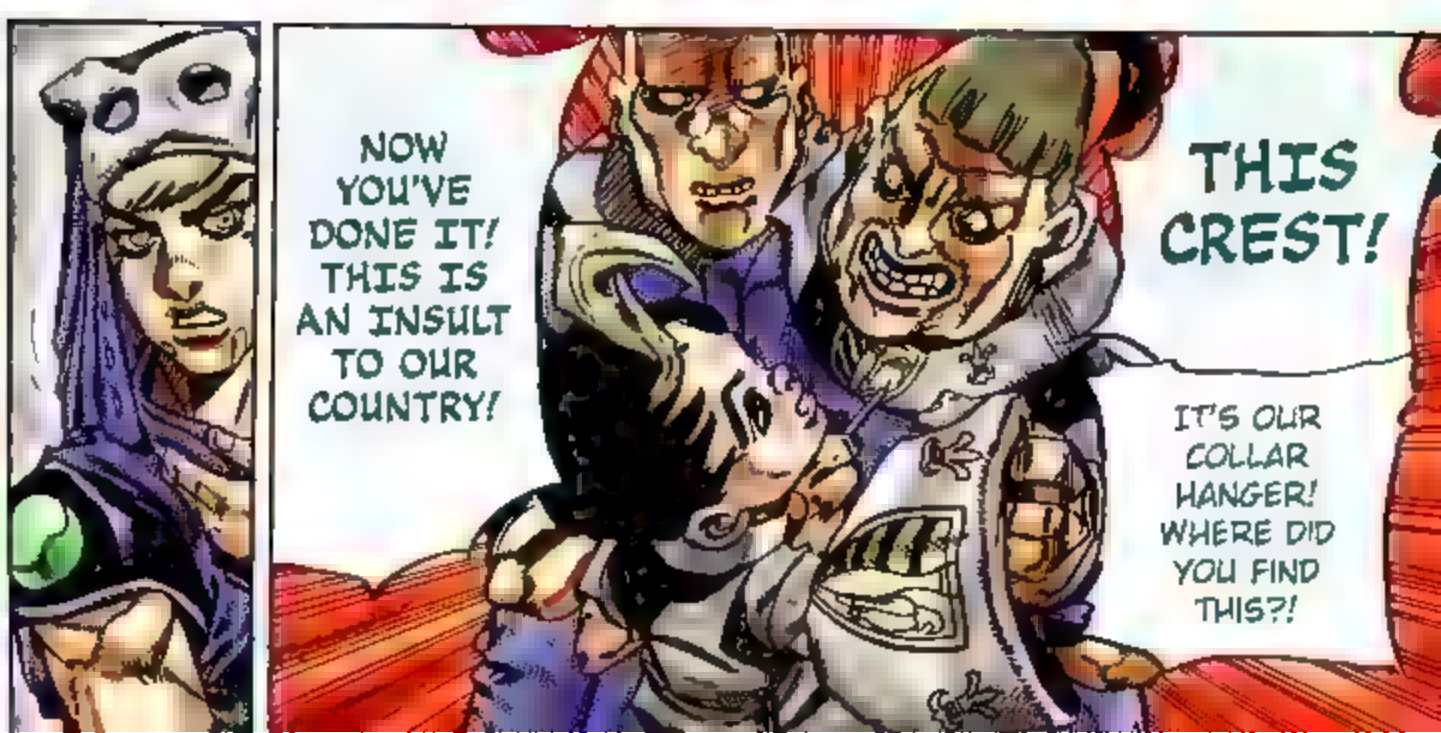
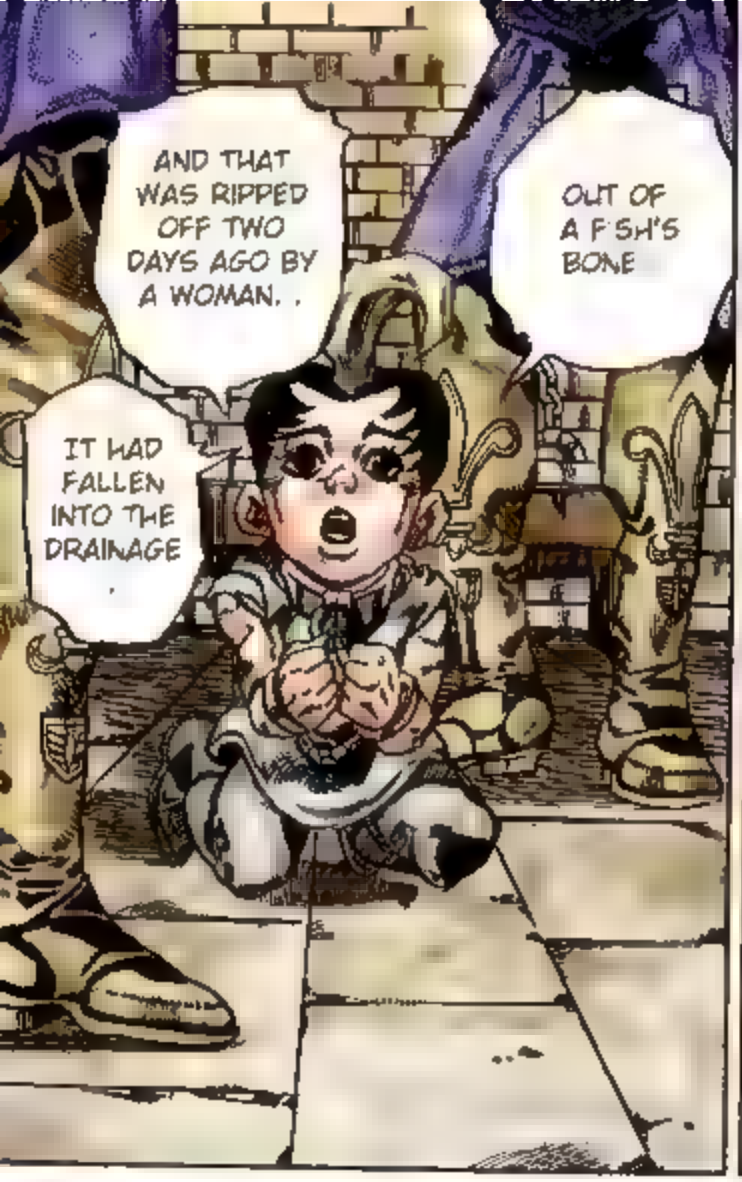
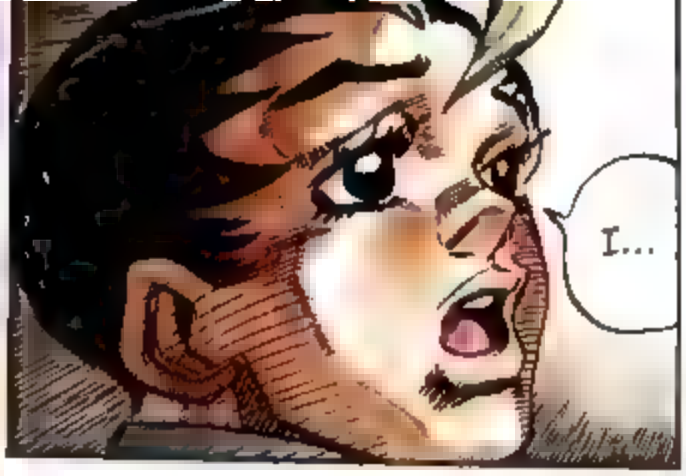

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT! THIS IS AN INSULT TO OUR COUNTRY!
THIS CREST!
IT'S OUR COLLAR HANGER! WHERE DID YOU FIND THIS?!


AND THAT WAS RIPPED OFF TWO DAYS AGO BY A WOMAN. .
OUT OF A F SH'S BONE
IT HAD FALLEN INTO THE DRAINAGE .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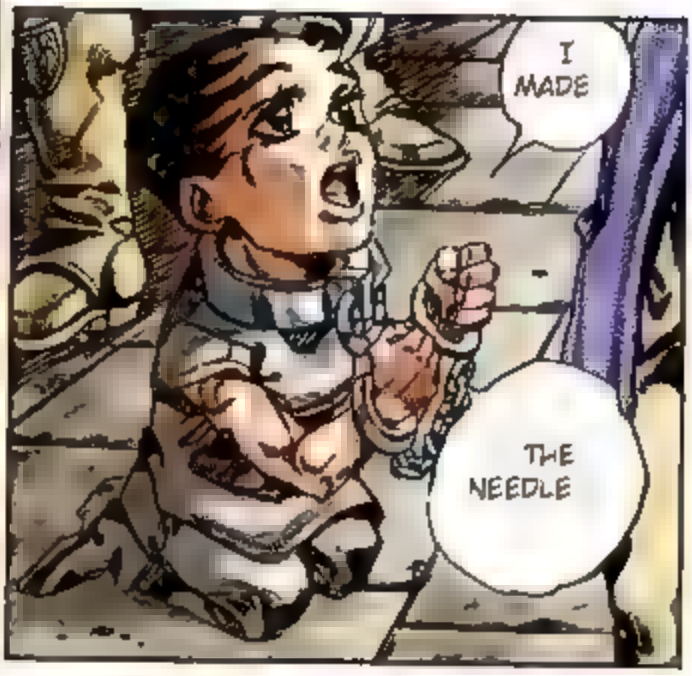
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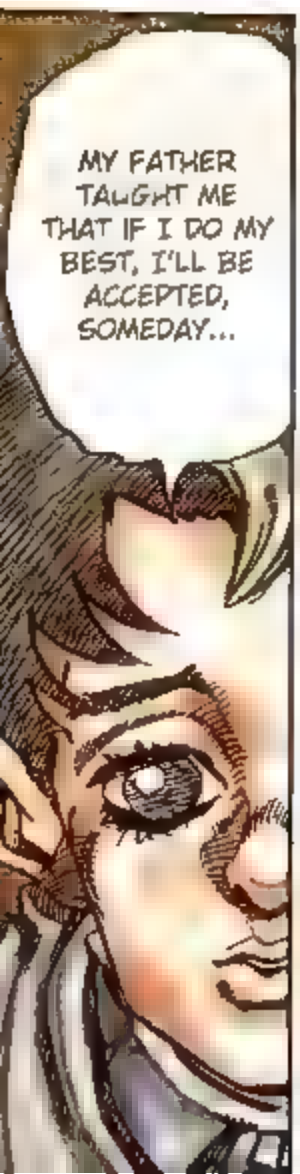
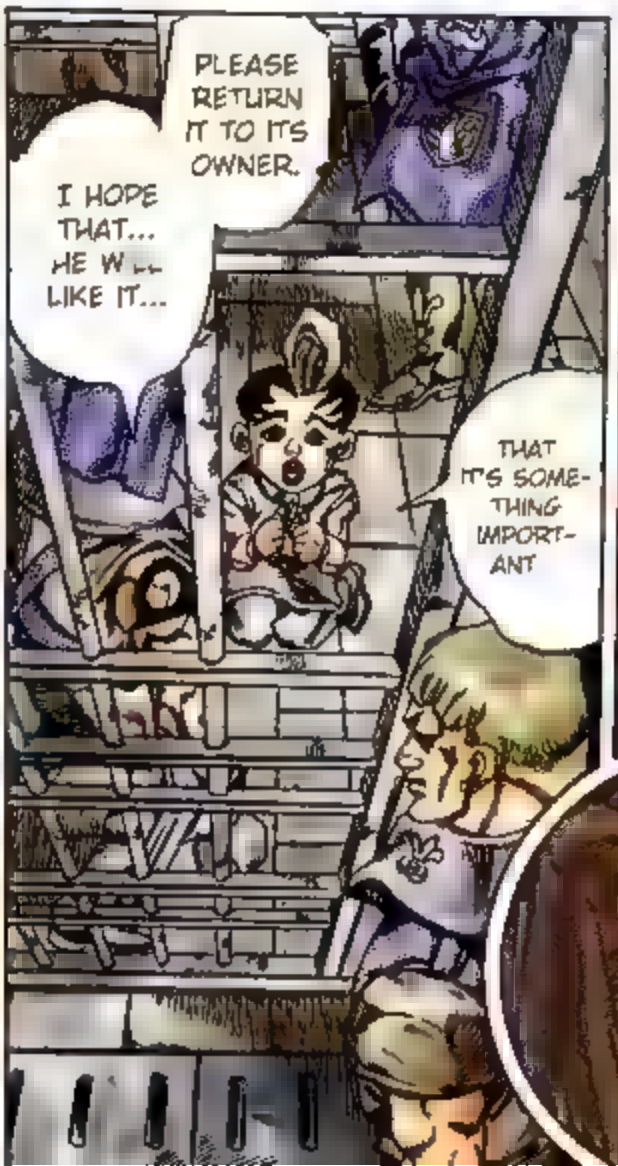
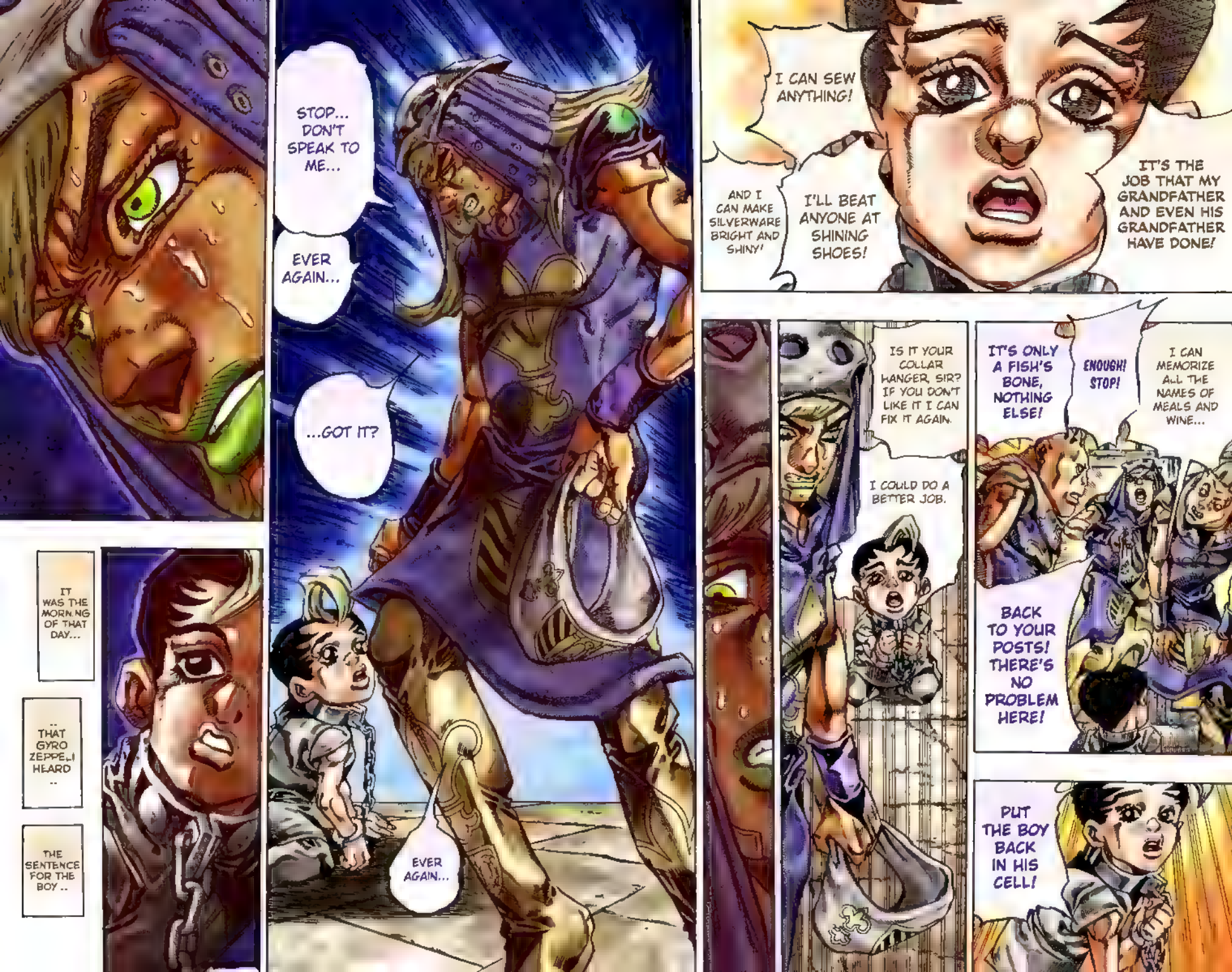

MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THAT IF I DO MY BEST, I'LL BE ACCEPTED, SOMEDAY...


PLEASE RETURN IT TO IT'S OWNER.
I HOPE THAT... HE W LIKE IT...
THAT IT'S SOME-THING IMPORT-ANT

SO I FIXED IT... I'M SURE...
I WAS ABLE TO PICK IT UP THROUGH THE NARROW DRAIN WITH MY HANDS


I CAN SEW ANYTHING!
AND I CAN MAKE SILVERWARE BRIGHT AND SHINY!
I'LL BEAT ANYONE AT SHINING SHOES!
IT'S THE JOB THAT MY GRANDFATHER AND EVEN HIS GRANDFATHER HAVE DONE!
IS IT YOUR COLLAR HANGER, SIR? IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT I CAN FIX IT AGAIN.
I COULD DO A BETTER JOB.
IT'S ONLY A FISH'S BONE, NOTHING ELSE!
ENOUGH! STOP!
I CAN MEMORIZE ALL THE NAMES OF MEALS AND WINE...
BACK TO YOUR POSTS! THERE'S NO PROBLEM HERE!
PUT THE BOY BACK IN HIS CELL!
STOP... DON'T SPEAK TO ME...
EVER AGAIN...
...GOT IT?
EVER AGAIN...
IT WAS THE MORNING OF THAT DAY...
.. THAT GYRO ZEPPELI HEARD ..
THE SENTENCE FOR THE BOY ..

AND THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION WAS TO BE
...A PENALTY THAT NOBODY COULD CHANGE...
THE DECISION WAS THE CRIME OF 'TREASON'
'ZOMBIE HORSE'?!
'GYRO ZEPPELI'. ...HIS FIRST OFFICIAL DUTY...

IF WE MISS ONE STEP WE'LL FALL STRAIGHT DOWN THE VALLEY!
GYRO! IS THAT THING REALLY HERE IN THE RED CANYON?
THERE IT IS!
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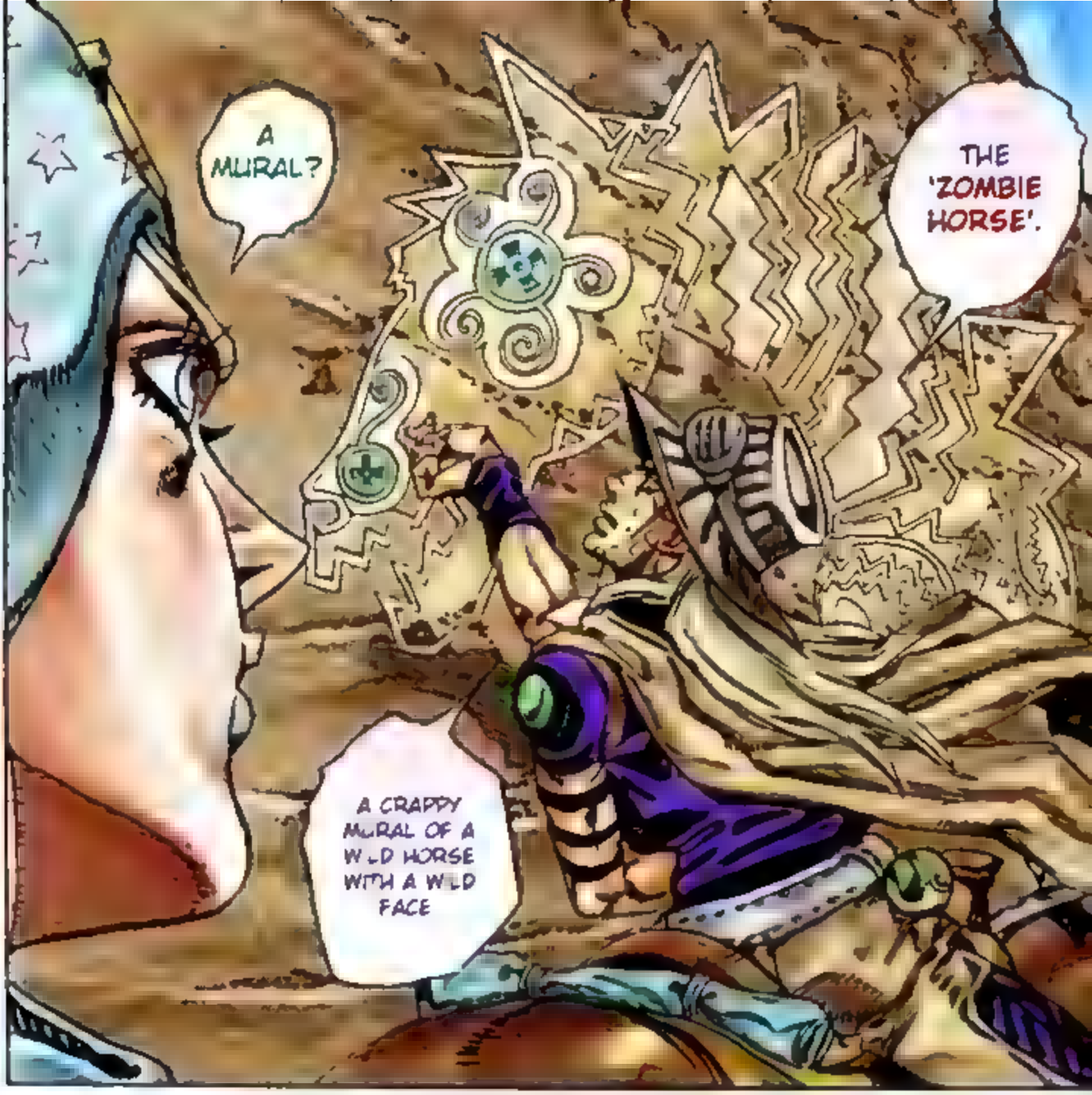
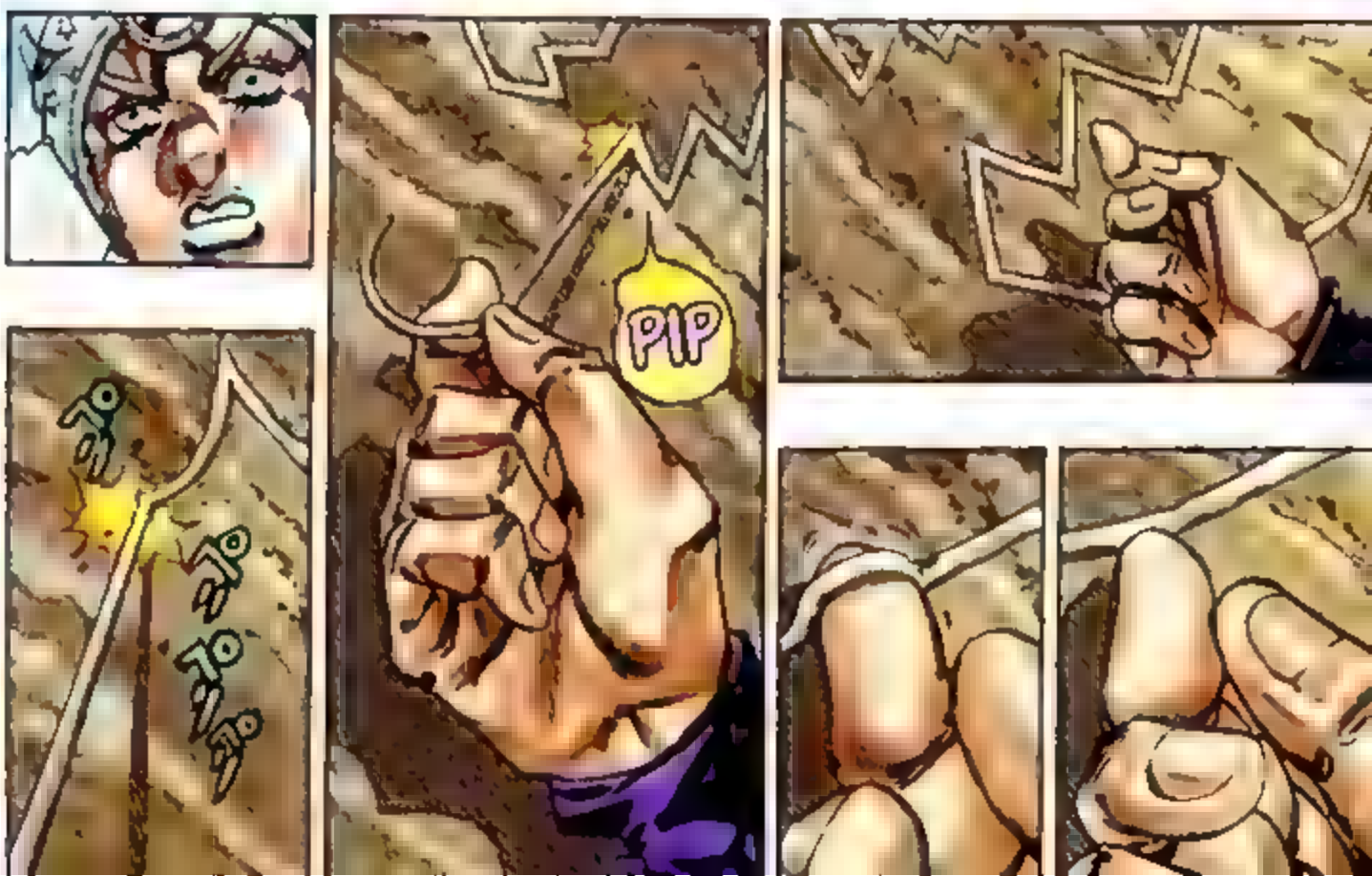

A MURAL?
THE 'ZOMBIE HORSE'.
A CRAPPY MURAL OF A W_LD HORSE WITH A W_LD FACE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A PIN WOULD WORK TOO.
JOHNNY, DO YOU HAVE ANY WIRE?
I'LL CONNECT IT TO THIS STRING.
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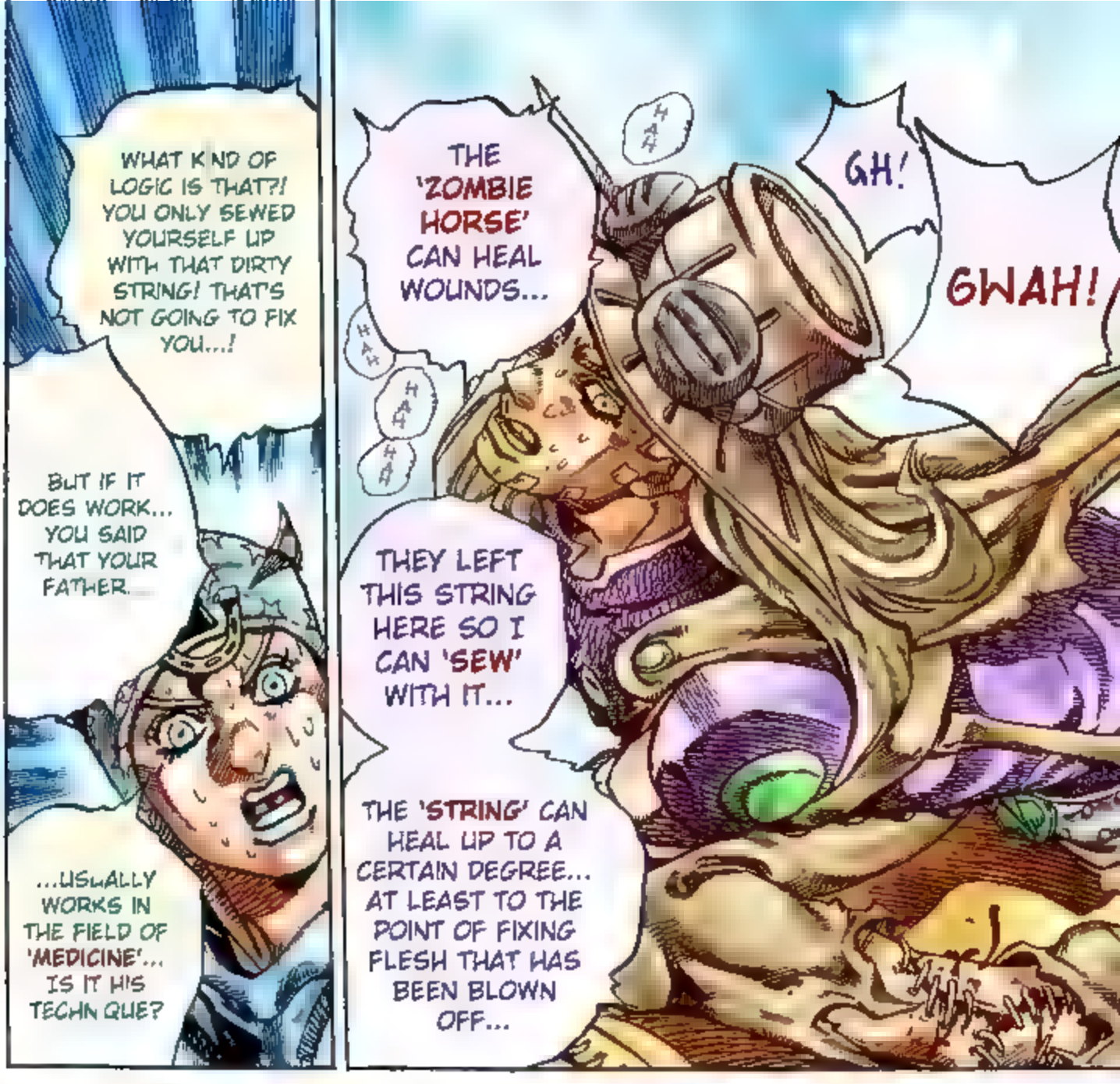
HEY, WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!


WHAT KIND OF LOGIC IS THAT?! YOU ONLY SEWED YOURSELF UP WITH THAT DIRTY STRING! THAT'S NOT GOING TO FIX YOU...!
BUT IF IT DOES WORK... YOU SAID THAT YOUR FATHER...
...USUALLY WORKS IN THE FIELD OF 'MEDICINE'... IS IT HIS TECHNIQUE?
THE 'ZOMBIE HORSE' CAN HEAL WOUNDS...
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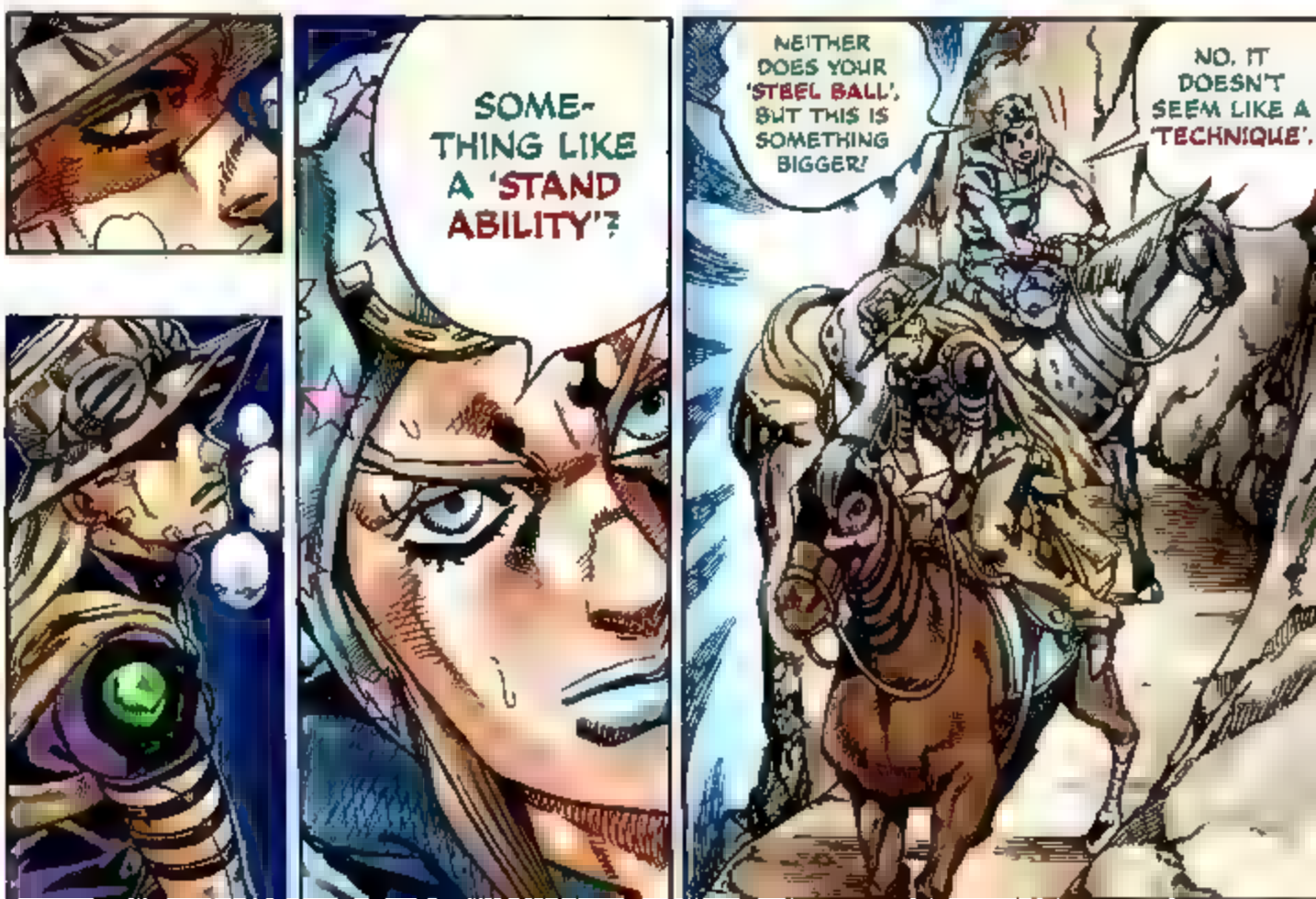
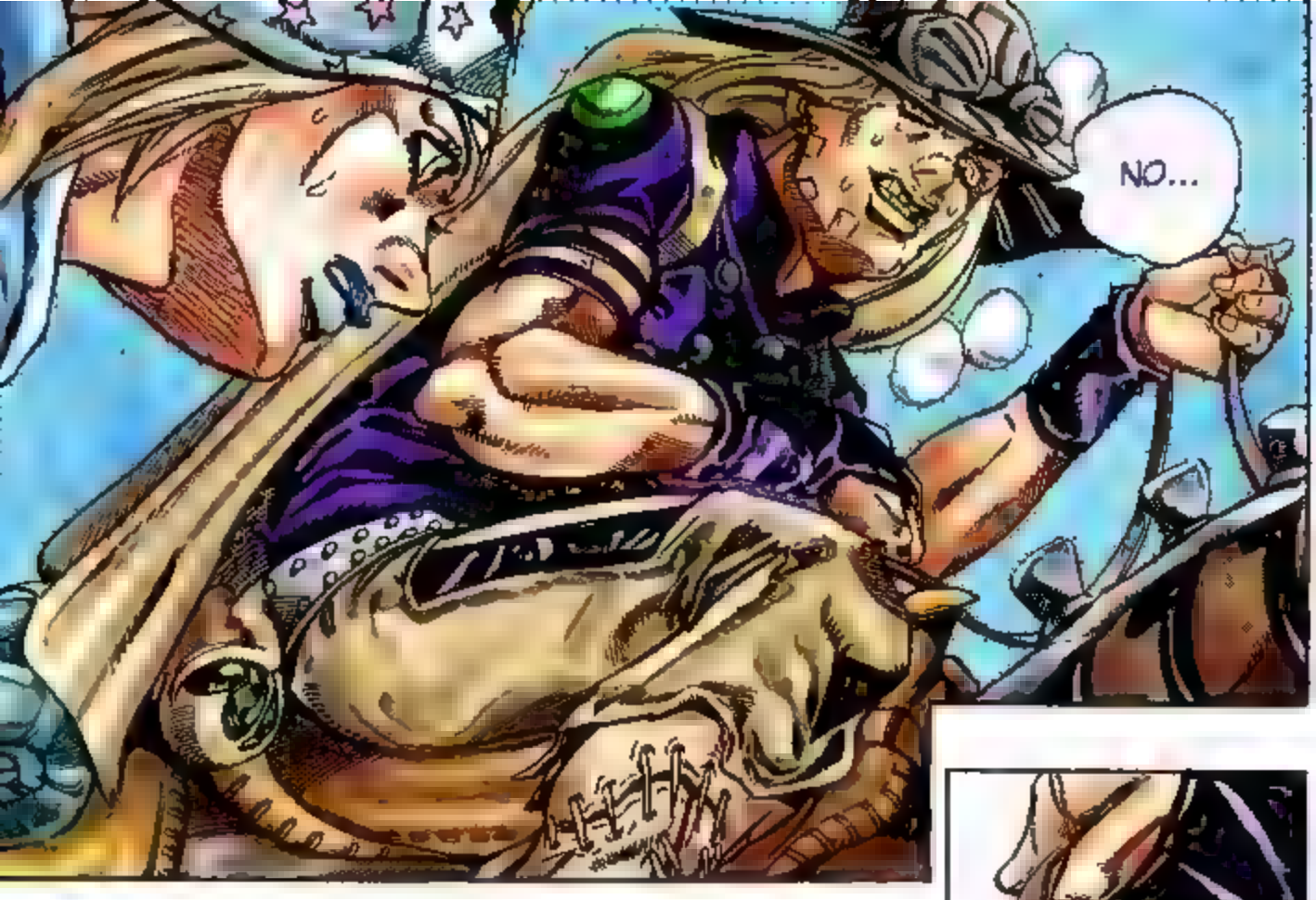
HAH
THEY LEFT THIS STRING HERE SO I CAN 'SEW' WITH IT...
THE 'STRING' CAN HEAL UP TO A CERTAIN DEGREE... AT LEAST TO THE POINT OF FIXING FLESH THAT HAS BEEN BLOWN OFF...
GH!
GWAH!


SOME-THING LIKE A 'STAND ABILITY'?
NEITHER DOES YOUR 'STEEL BALL', BUT THIS IS SOMETHING BIGGER!
NO, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A 'TECHNIQUE'.

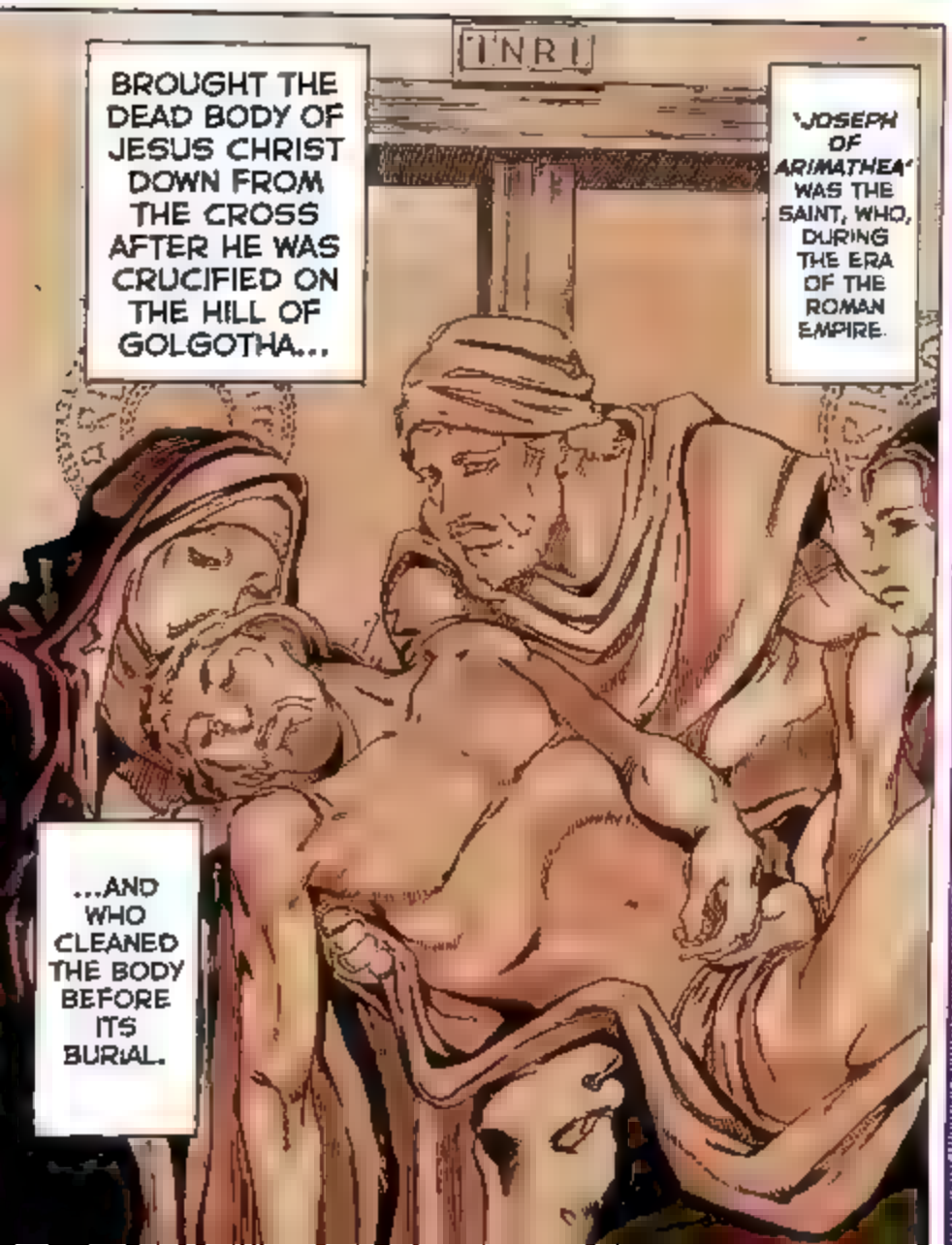

NO...

HE NEVER WRITES LETTERS!
2nd Stage - Not far from the goal, Monument Valley

THIS...
BESIDES, MY OLD MAN...
...IS A GIFT FROM THE KING, JUST AS THE LETTER SAID...

DON'T EVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN EVER!

AN 'OLD MAP' WRITTEN ON PARCHMENT WAS DISCOVERED.
IN 1191 A.D., 5 METERS UNDER THE YARD OF GALSTONBURY MONASTERY, IN SOUTHWEST ENGLAND...
#25 (TUSK) PART 1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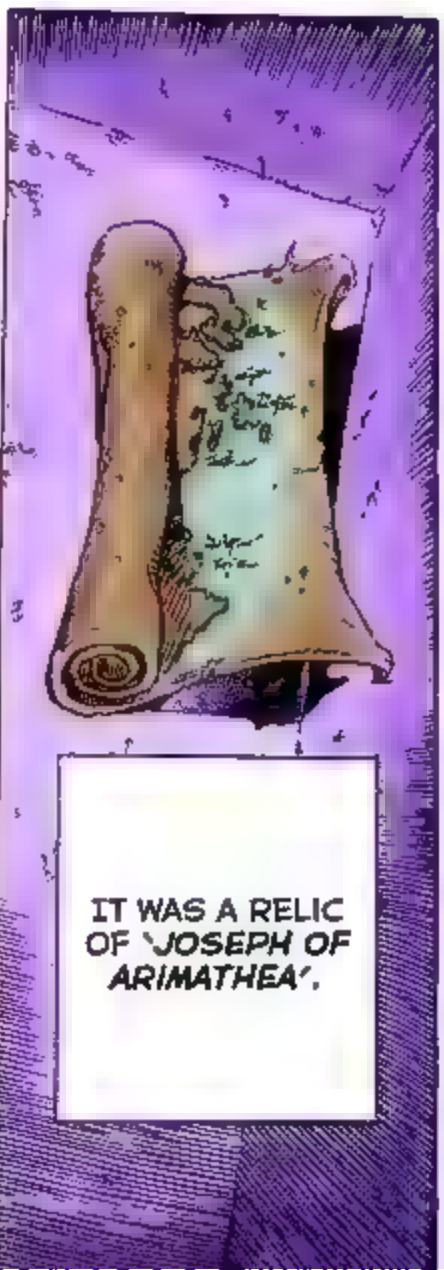
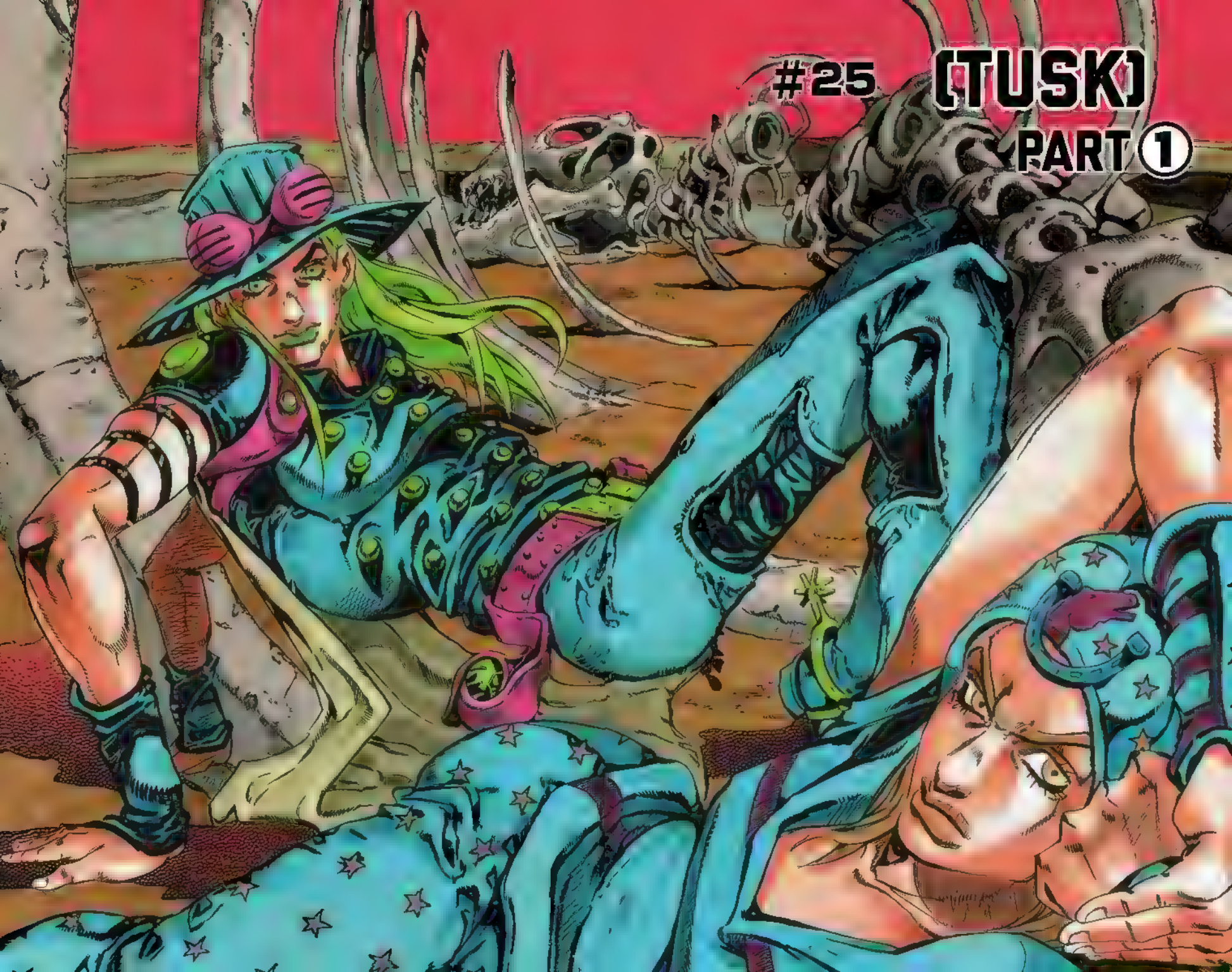
BROUGHT THE DEAD BODY OF JESUS CHRIST DOWN FROM THE CROSS AFTER HE WAS CRUCIFIED ON THE HILL OF GOLGOTHA...
'JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA' WAS THE SAINT, WHO, DURING THE ERA OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.
...AND WHO CLEANED THE BODY BEFORE ITS BURIAL.


IT WAS A RELIC OF 'JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA'.


#25 [TUSK]
PART ①

HE FOUNDED THE OLDEST CHRISTIAN MONASTERY, GLASTONBURY, ON THE ISLAND OF BRITAIN, AND DIED THERE.
JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA BECAME A MISSIONARY AND WENT ON MANY JOURNEYS.
'THE MAP OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA'...
BUT NOBODY COULD UNDERSTAND THAT 'MAP'.
NOBODY HAD EVER SEEN SHORES WITH THE 'SHAPE' OF THOSE DRAWN ON IT.
A LAND THAT NOBODY KNEW...
A PLACE THAT NOBODY HAD EVER SEEN...

WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF 'SAINT JOSEPH' DRAWING THIS MAP IN THE TIME OF JESUS...?
EVENTUALLY THE 'MAP' BEGAN TO FADE THE FROM PEOPLE'S MINDS...
1500 YEARS LATER, IN THE 16TH CENTURY, THE 'MAP' WAS STOLEN AND FELL INTO UNKNOWN HANDS. IT DISAPPEARED FROM THE LAND OF GLASTONBURY.
BUT SUDDENLY ...

IT WAS A FEW YEARS AFTER THE NEW WORLD, 'AMERICA', HAD BEEN DISCOVERED.
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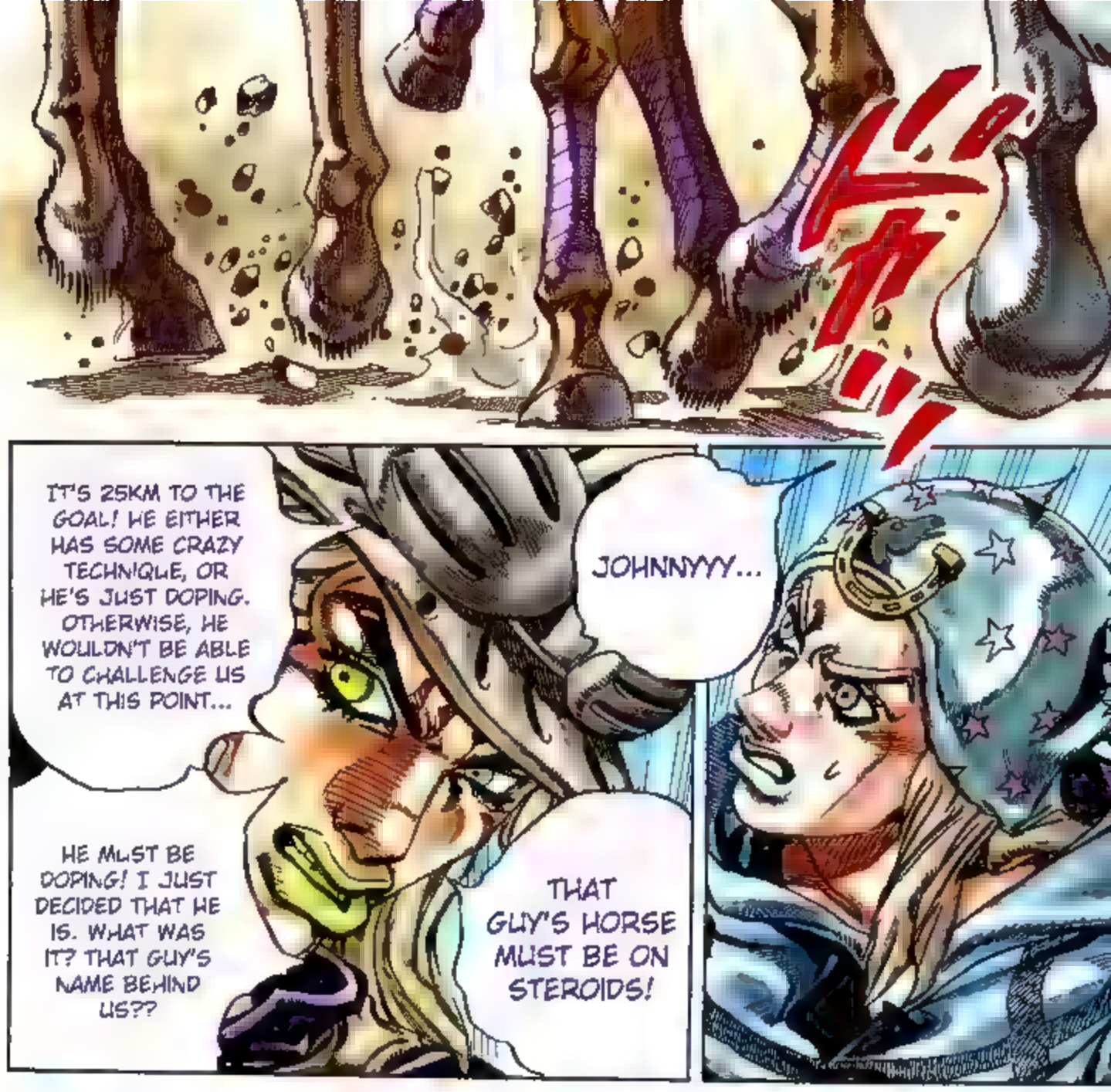
IT'S 25KM TO THE GOAL! HE EITHER HAS SOME CRAZY TECHNIQUE, OR HE'S JUST DOPING. OTHERWISE, HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE US AT THIS POINT...
JOHNNYYY...
HE MUST BE DOPING! I JUST DECIDED THAT HE IS. WHAT WAS IT? THAT GUY'S NAME BEHIND US??
THAT GUY'S HORSE MUST BE ON STEROIDS!

HE'S GERMAN, AND HE PLACED 7TH IN THE 1ST STAGE! LET'S LET HIM PASS US, GYRO!
OUR HORSES' PULSES HAVE GONE UP TO 220 PER MINUTE! IF WE FORCE OUR HORSES TO RUN AT THEIR TOP SPEED HERE, THEY WON'T LAST UNTIL THE GOAL.
'F.V. STROHEIM'!

THE COURSE TO THE LEFT IS MY VALKYRIE'S FAVORITE TYPE OF LAND! WE'LL LET HIM CRUSH HIMSELF THERE!
NO, JOHNNY! DON'T LET HIM GET CLOSE! WE CAN'T LET ANY STRANGERS NEAR US!
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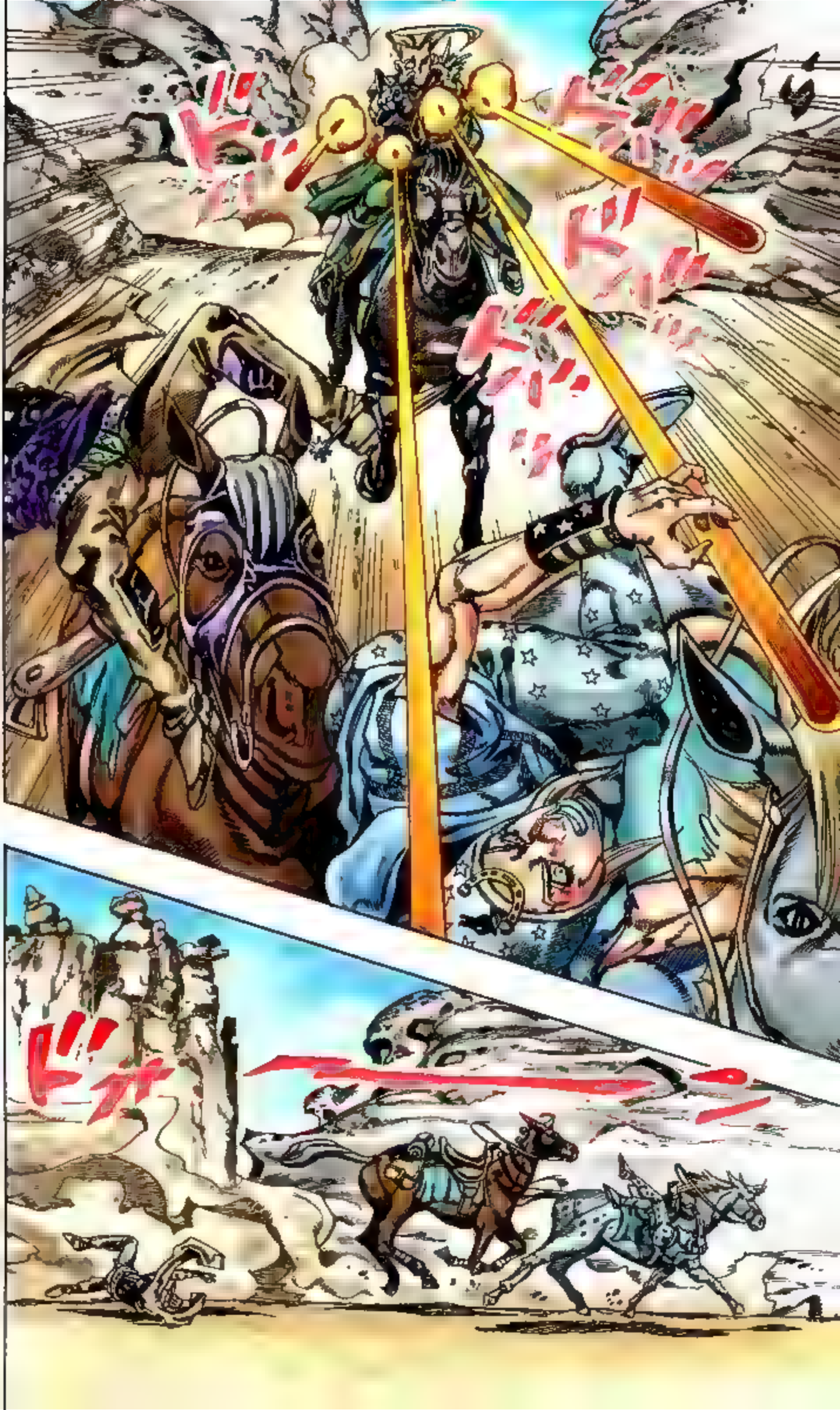

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IT HUUUR RRRTS!

FREAKIN' HURTS'
GAAAH'
Y... YOU SON OF A BITCH!
IT HAS THE POWER TO CARVE CERTAIN THINGS AND CONTROL CERTAIN BODY MUSCLES
'THE SPIN OF THE STEEL BALLS'...

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN MAKE YOUR SKIN HARD ENOUGH TO BOUNCE OFF BULLETS...
YOU...
WAAH! FUCK YOU!

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL SHOOT YOUR FRIEND AND YOUR HORSE.
DROP THEM! GYRO ZEPPELI!
YOU CAN EVEN THROW THEM TOWARDS ME... IT'LL ALLOW ME TO PROVE THAT MY GUNS ARE FASTER..
DROP 'THOSE' FROM YOUR HAND NOW!
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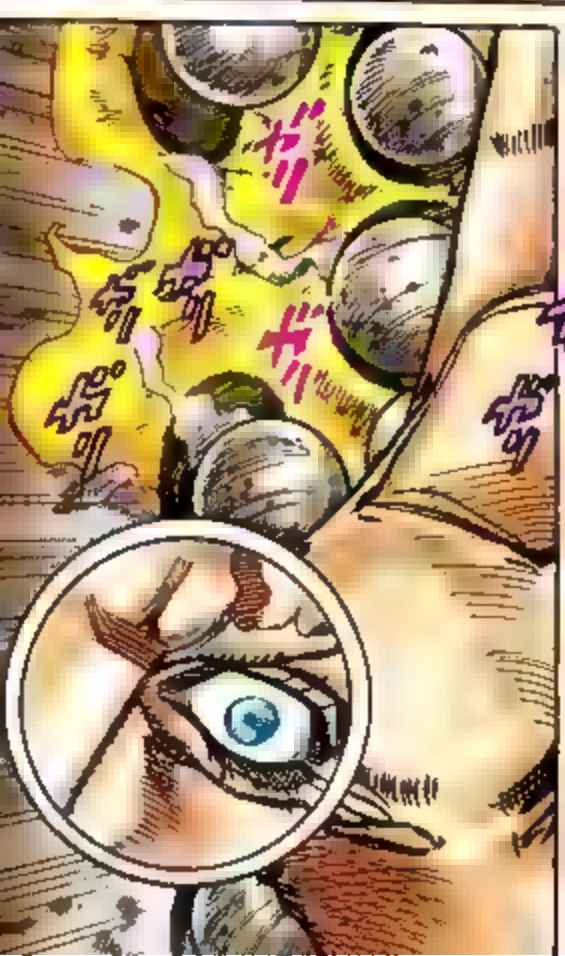
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU WANT ME TO DROP THESE STEEL BALLS?

WELL, IF YOU INSIST THAT I DROP THEM...
I GUESS I'LL GO AHEAD AND DO THAT...



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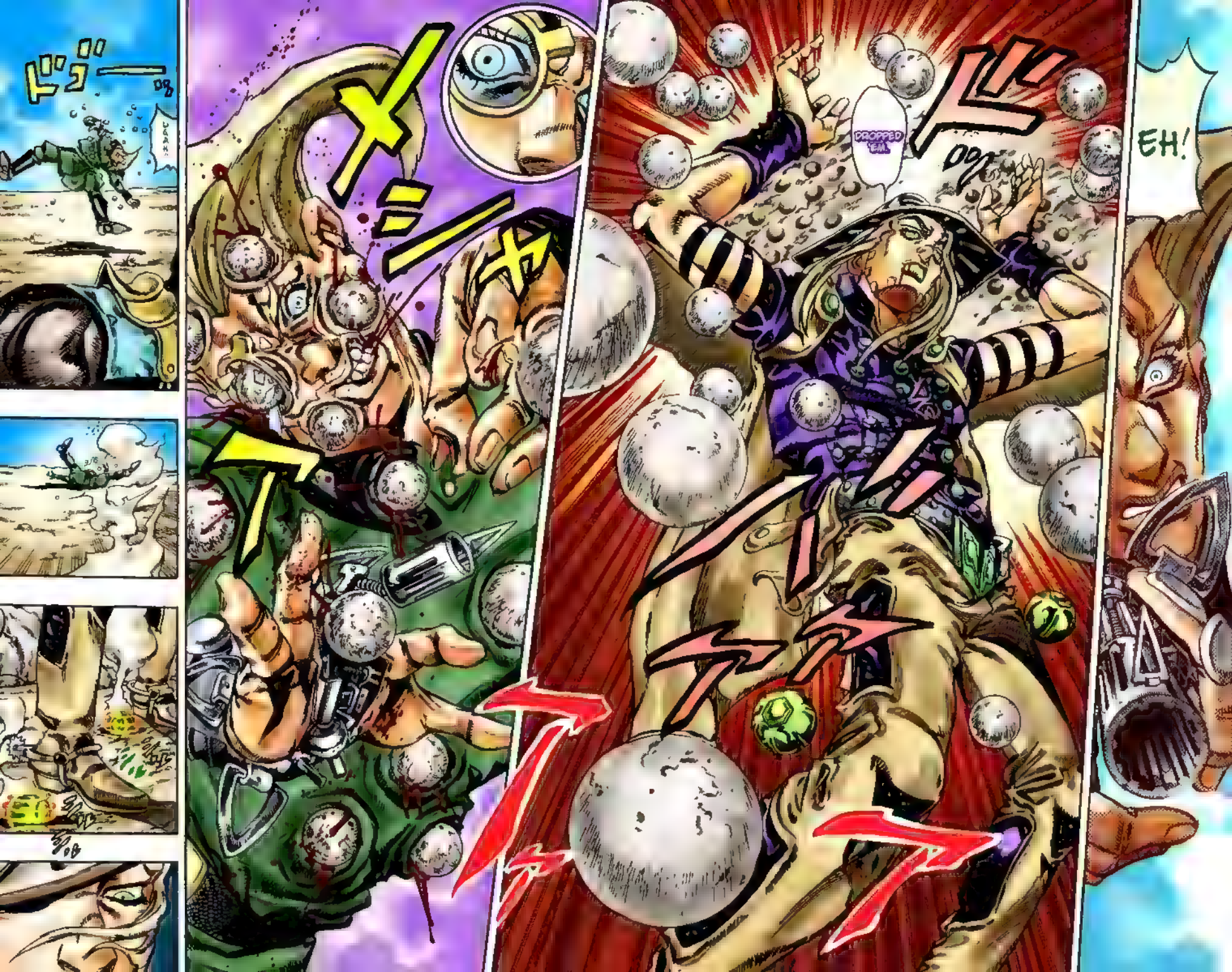
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DROPPED 'EM.
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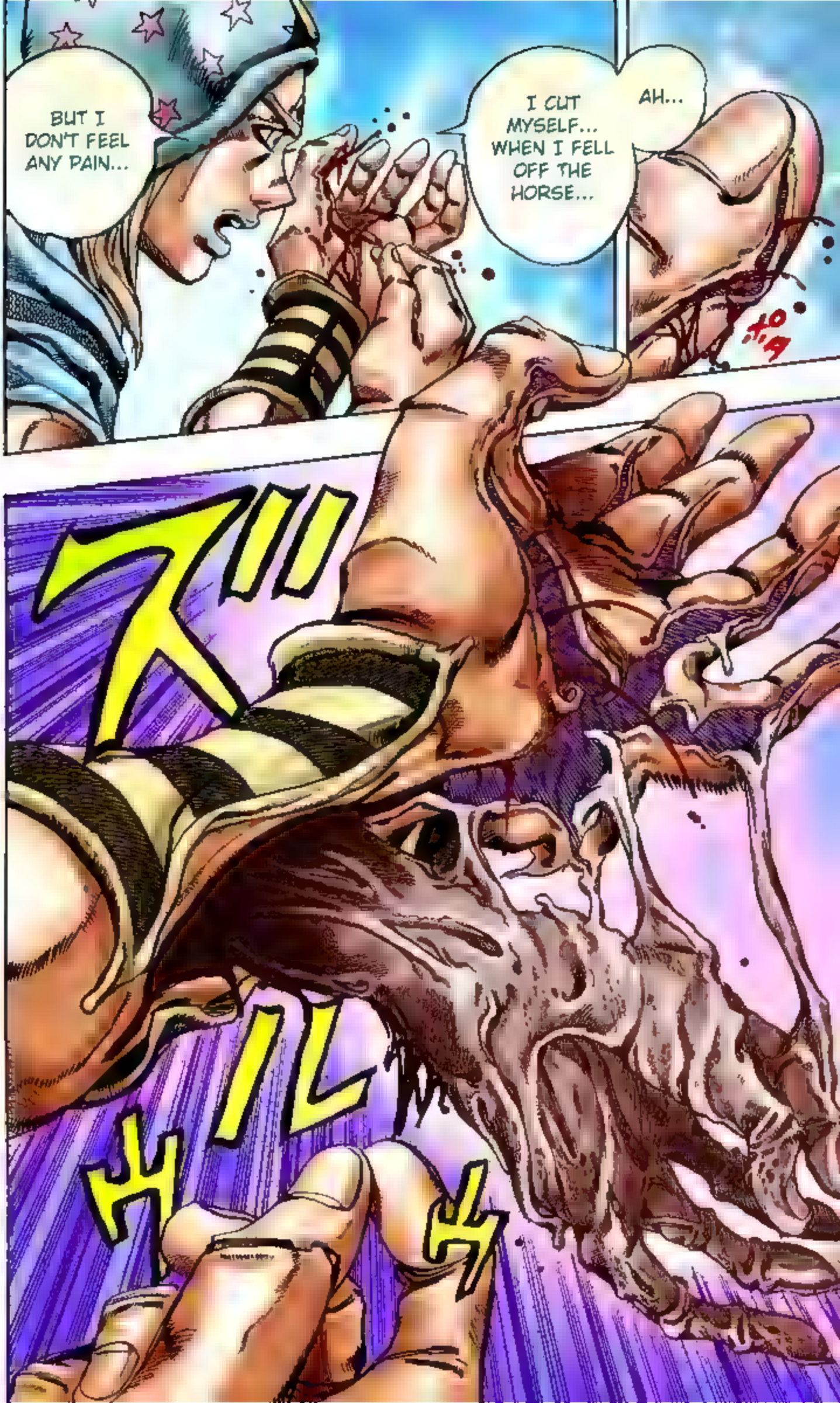
EVEN IF THE VICTORY OF THIS CONTINENT-CROSSING RACE IS A 'SYMBOL OF VICTORY FOR A NATION'..
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S TOO INTENSE..' THESE ASSAULTS FROM THE TERRORISTS...
YOUR HOME COUNTRY JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD..
THESE TERRORISTS

BUT IT'S ONLY A RACE! BEFORE THERE WAS 'OYECOMOVA', AND NOW 'STROHEIM'! I FEEL SOMETHING DEEPER... A 'DEEPER CONNECTION' BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND THE TERRORISTS!
THEY'RE ONLY AFTER YOU!
WHY DO THEY CONSTANTLY KEEP ATTACKING YOU LIKE THAT?
I WILL CROSS THIS CONTINENT AS NUMBER 1! IF YOU THINK YOU'RE ENDANGERING YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD TRAVEL SEPARATELY.
I AM A 'SERVANT OF THE KING'.
IF I AM VICTORIOUS IN THE STEEL BALL RUN RACE...
THE KING WILL RELEASE AN 'AMNESTY'! THAT IS ALL.


BUT I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN...
I CUT MYSELF... WHEN I FELL OFF THE HORSE...
AH...
HULK

WHA
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WHAT IS THIS?! GY... GYROO! WAIT! WAIT FOR ME!
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L... LOOK! MY HAND JUST SUDDENLY ...?!?!
MY LEFT HAND?! WHAT THE HELL?!

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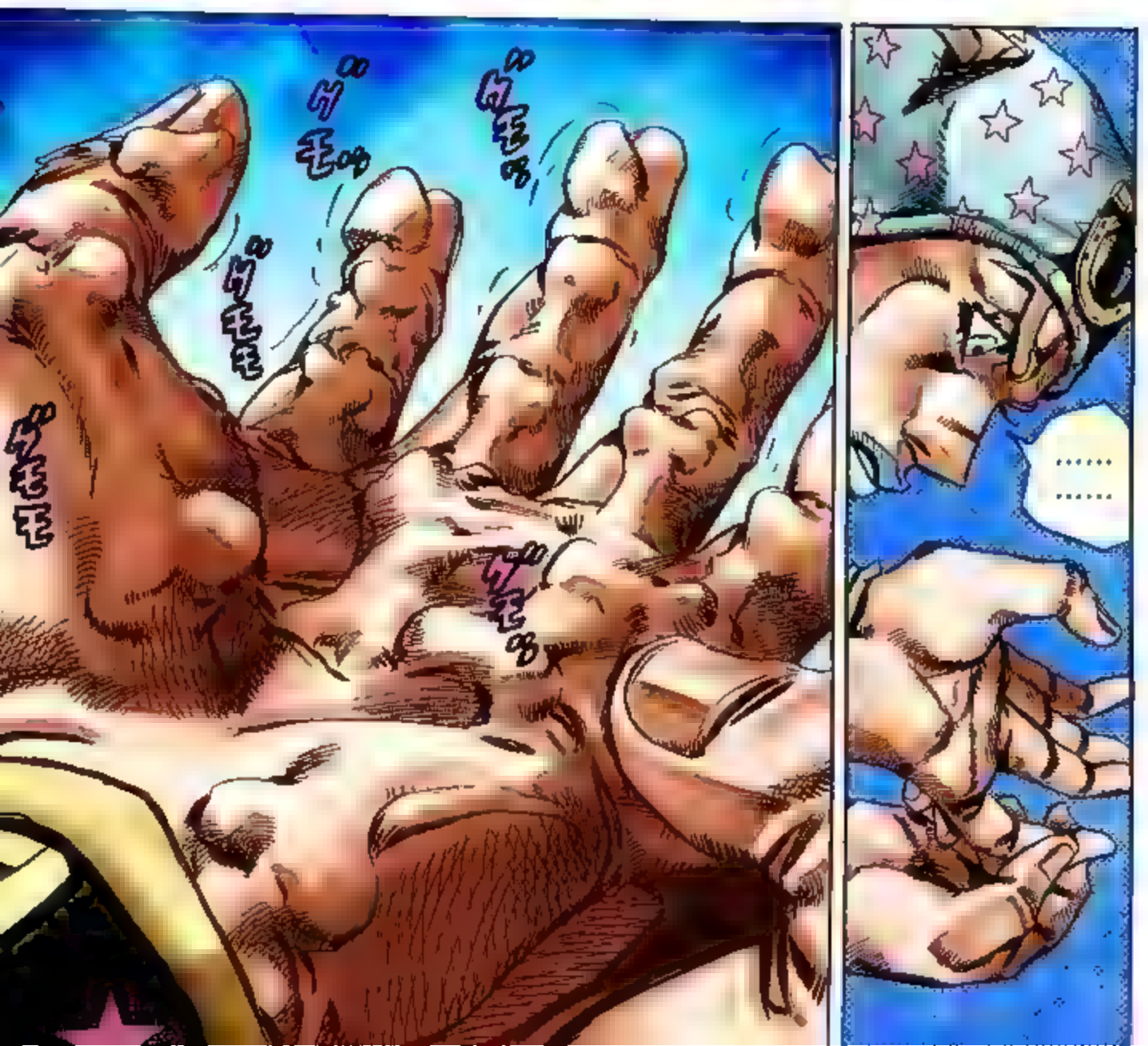
WHAT?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THERE'S SOMETHING! SOMETHING JUST... WENT INTO MY HAND!!
N... NO!
IT CAME OUT OF MY LEFT HAND AND WENT BACK IN AGAIN!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU YELL AT ME... THEN IGNORE ME AND TALK AT THE GROUND?
UWAA AAH!
TH... THIS...?!
DID YOU HURT YOURSELF SOME-WHERE?
I DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN... AM I HALLUCINATING?
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NO
BUT... THAT CAN'T BE... I FEEL IT IN MY HEART THAT IT'S NOT A 'HALLUCINATION' OR A 'STAND ABILITY' OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT...

BUT THIS HAND GIVES ME A SENSE OF SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT...
MY SPINNING NAILS ARE MY 'STAND ABILITY'!
WITH MY OWN WILL...! I CAN SPIN MY OWN NAILS... MY ABILITY!
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE!
IN MY 'LEFT HAND'... A 'LEFT HAND' THAT'S NOT MINE?! IT'S BEEN IN THERE! SINCE WHEN?
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I SAY 'AREA', BUT THE GROUND CHANGES AND MOVES LIKE QUICKSAND. NOBODY CAN PREDICT WHERE THE 'DEVIL'S PALM' WILL APPEAR NEXT.
THE LOCAL APACHE PEOPLE CALL THAT PLACE THE 'DEVIL'S PALM'.
THE LAND SHAPE HAD COMPLETELY VANISHED WITHIN 6 TO 7 HOURS.
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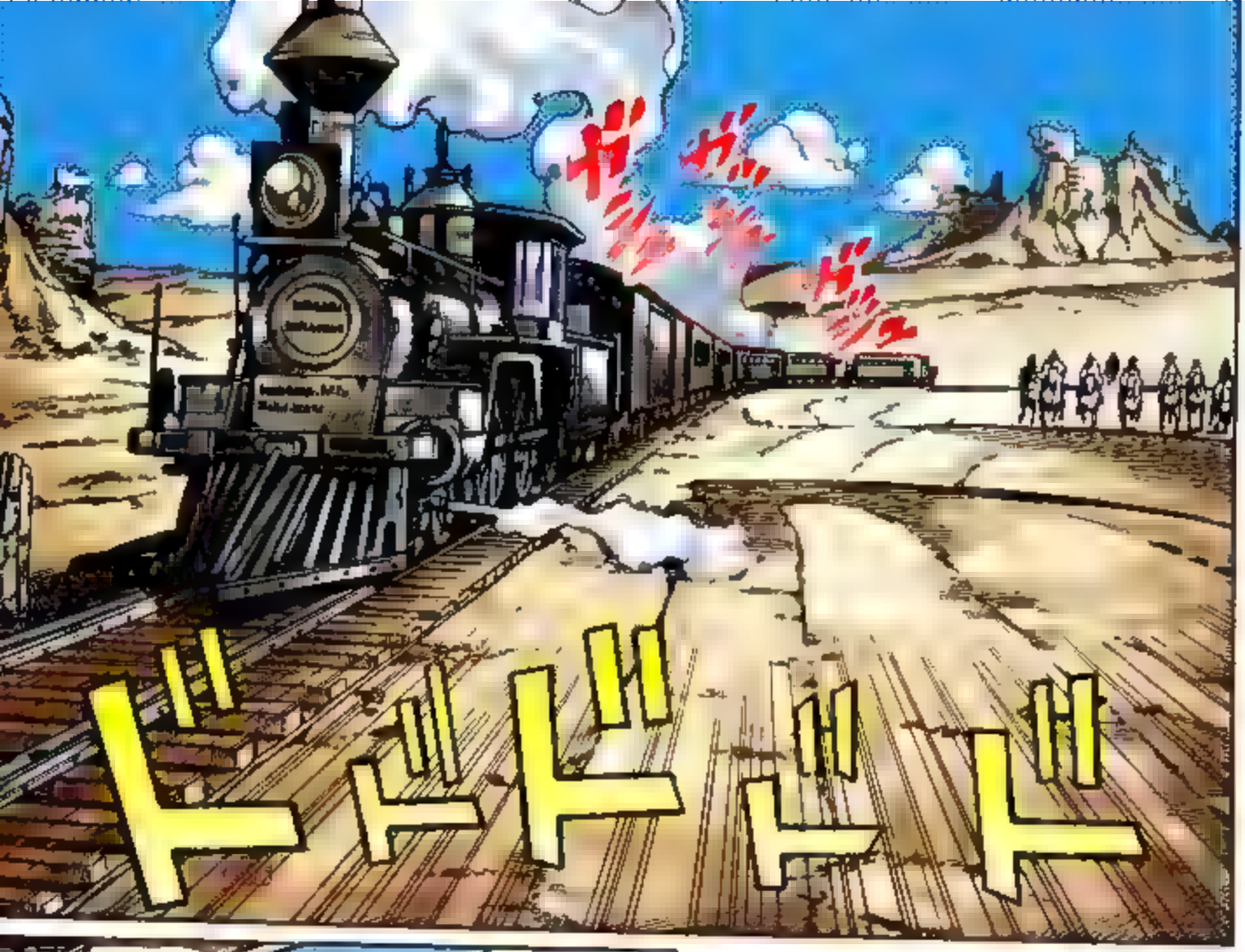
THE DEATH TOLL HAS RISEN TO 68. THIS IS A REAL DILEMMA.
THE MAIN CAUSE IS THOUGHT TO BE ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM QUICKSAND
THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE 2ND STAGE ARE MAINLY RUNNING ON 2 ROUTES.
APPROXIMATELY 800 OF THE PARTICIPANTS CHOSE THE ROUTE CROSSING THE DESERT... HOWEVER, 523 OF THEM DROPPED OUT AT THE PLACE PICTURED IN THAT PHOTOGRAPH...
THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN FROM APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS IN THE AIR BY HOT AIR BALLOON 3 WHILE FOLLOWING THE RACE.

BUT ITS SIZE AND GEOLOGICAL REASON FOR WHY IT MOVES AROUND LIKE A LIVING THING...
...ARE THINGS THAT NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN
THE APACHE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT MISERY COMES UPON THOSE WHO GO NEAR THAT LAND... AND THEY SAY...
GEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THAT THE AREA IS RELATED TO AN ANCIENT METEOR CRASH
HM...
THE 'DEVIL'S PALM' CHOOSES THE PEOPLE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WAS THERE ANY TRACE OF HIM 'FINDING' SOMETHING?
AFTER GYRO ZEPPELI PASSED THROUGH THE 'DEVIL'S PALM'...

SOMETHING... MR. STEEL?
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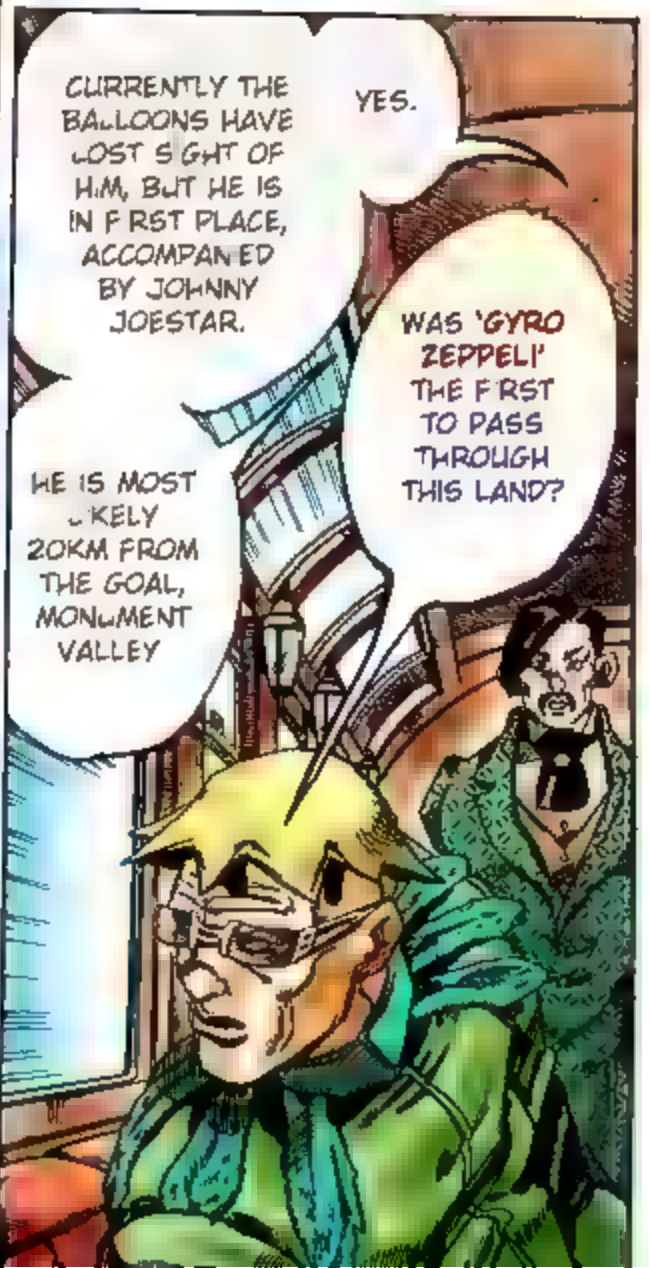
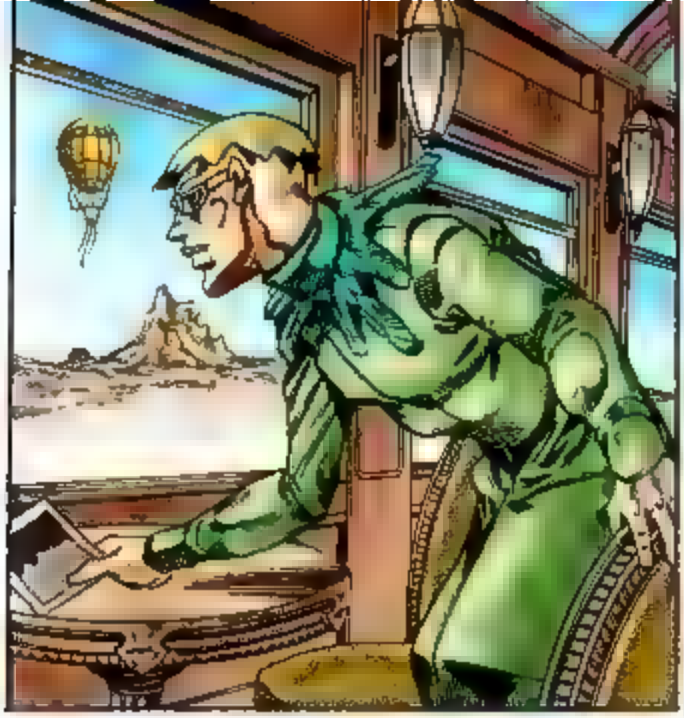
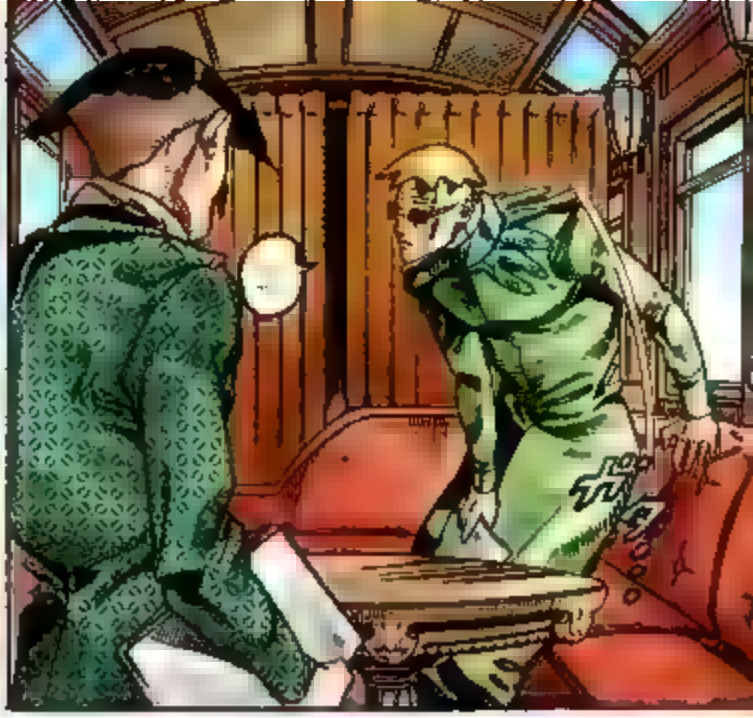
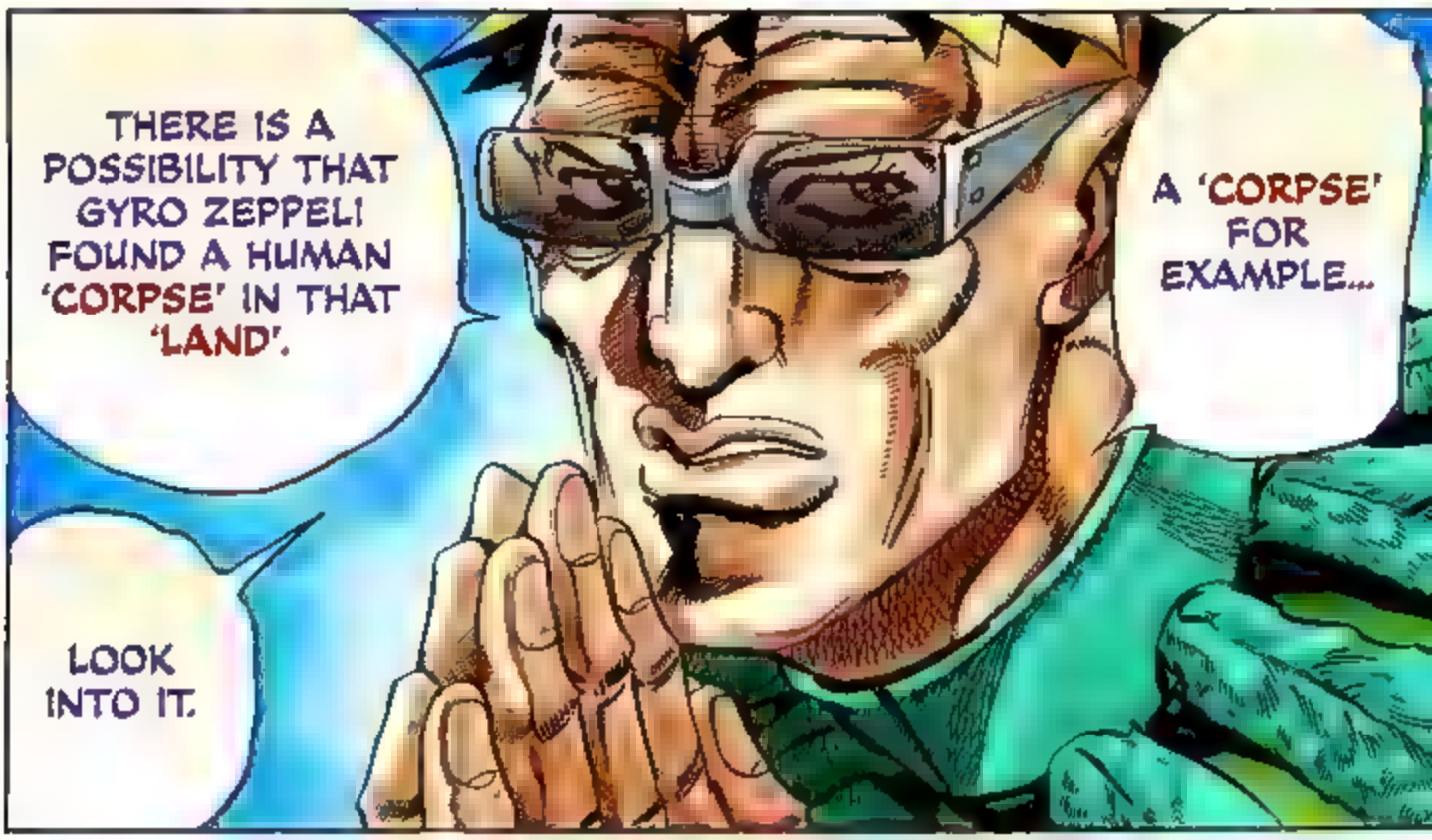
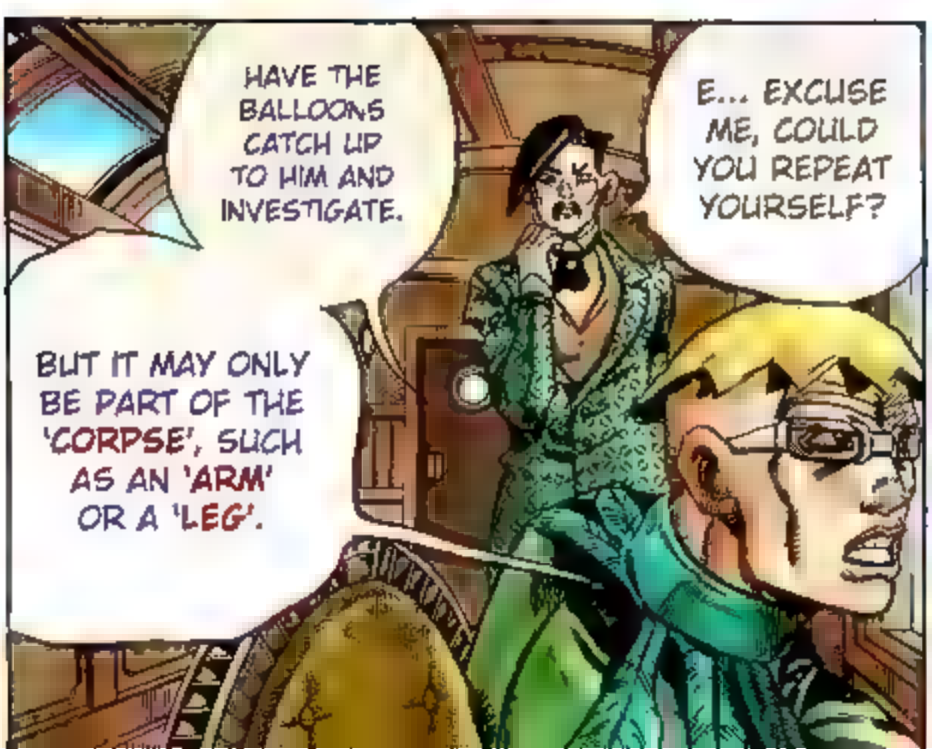

CURRENTLY THE BALLOONS HAVE LOST SIGHT OF HIM, BUT HE IS IN FIRST PLACE, ACCOMPANIED BY JOHNNY JOESTAR.
YES.
WAS 'GYRO ZEPPELI' THE FIRST TO PASS THROUGH THIS LAND?
HE IS MOST LIKELY 20KM FROM THE GOAL, MONUMENT VALLEY






THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT GYRO ZEPPELI FOUND A HUMAN 'CORPSE' IN THAT 'LAND'.
A 'CORPSE' FOR EXAMPLE...
LOOK INTO IT.


HAVE THE BALLOONS CATCH UP TO HIM AND INVESTIGATE.
E... EXCUSE ME, COULD YOU REPEAT YOURSELF?
BUT IT MAY ONLY BE PART OF THE 'CORPSE', SUCH AS AN 'ARM' OR A 'LEG'.

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... I...
I'M JUST SURPRISED AT YOU SUDDENLY MENTIONING THIS
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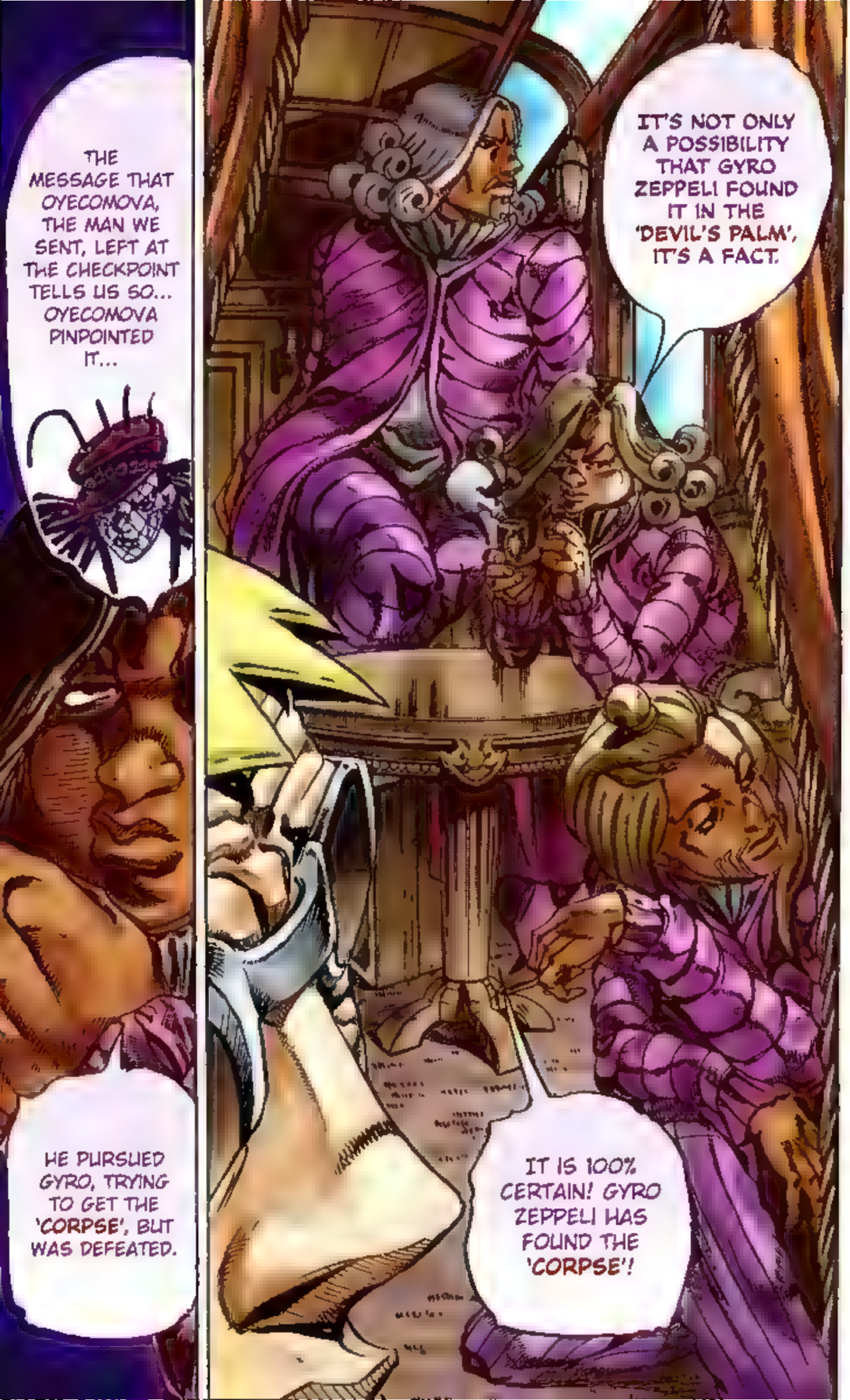
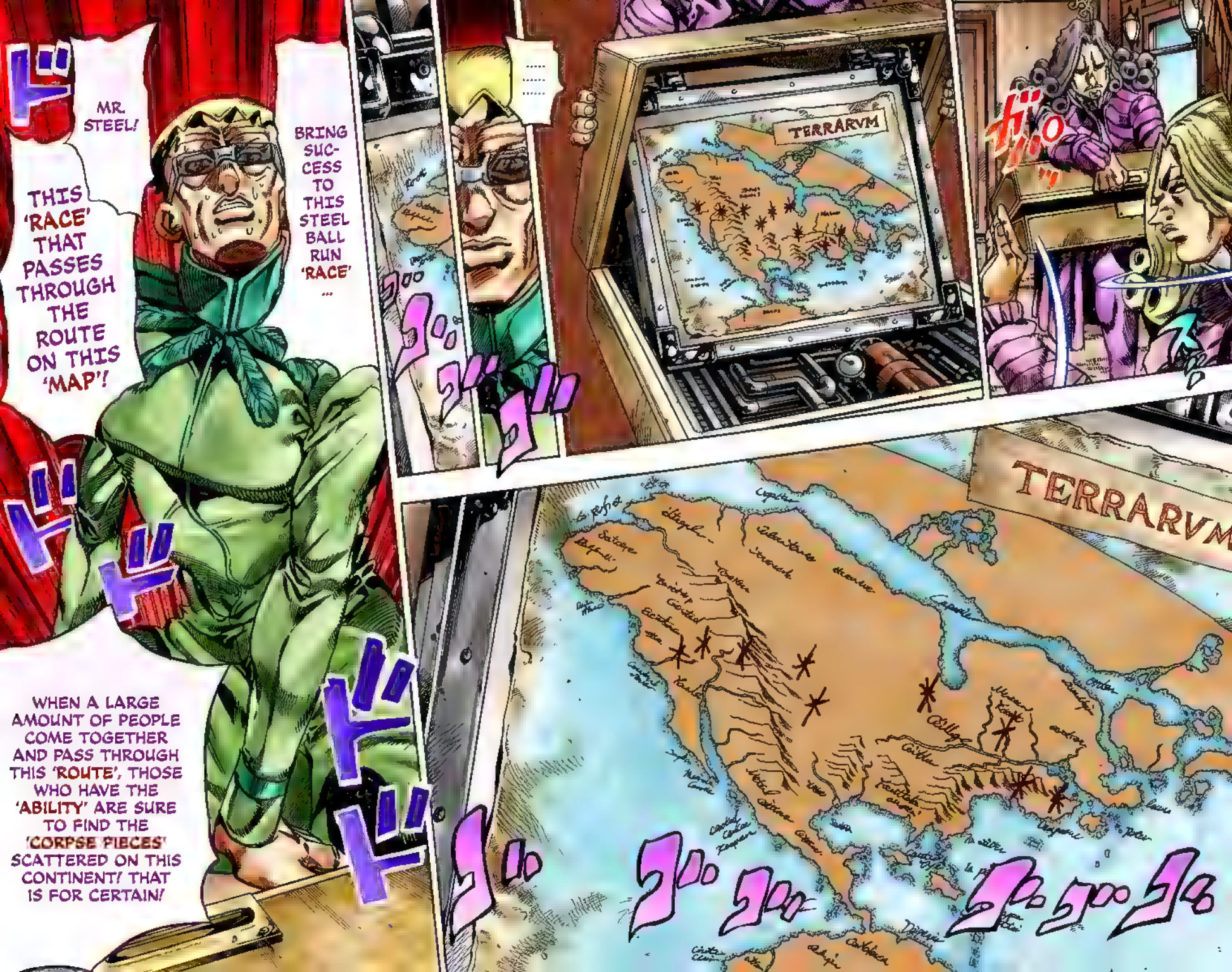
THIS 'CORPSE'
MR. STEEL, OUTSIDE OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THIS CROSS-CONTINENTAL COMPETITION
THIS 'CORPSE' IS SUPPOSEDLY 'MUMMIFIED'.
HE MAY BE HIDING IT IN A BAG OR SOMEWHERE ON HIS HORSE.
SEE IF GYRO ZEPPELI IS CARRYING IT ON HIM WHILE RACING.
AND THIS 'CORPSE'...
WHOSE 'CORPSE' IS IT?
DOES THIS RACE HAVE A DIFFERENT 'PURPOSE'?

THAT IS THE ONLY PURPOSE!
BUT RIGHT NOW WE NEED AN INVESTIGATION...
AN INVESTIGATION OF GYRO...
I SAY THIS WITHOUT A DOUBT! WE SHALL MAKE THIS 'STEEL BALL RUN' RACE SUCCESSFUL!
YES, SIR.
ALLOW ME TO MAKE ONE CORREC-TION...
YOUR CON-VERSA-TION, MR. STEEL ...


THE MESSAGE THAT OYECOMOVA, THE MAN WE SENT, LEFT AT THE CHECKPOINT TELLS US SO... OYECOMOVA PINPOINTED IT...
HE PURSUED GYRO, TRYING TO GET THE 'CORPSE', BUT WAS DEFEATED.
IT'S NOT ONLY A POSSIBILITY THAT GYRO ZEPPELI FOUND IT IN THE 'DEVIL'S PALM', IT'S A FACT.
IT IS 100% CERTAIN! GYRO ZEPPELI HAS FOUND THE 'CORPSE'!

HE COULD HAVE FOUND THE 'CORPSE' BY CHANCE
AT THIS POINT, WE DON'T KNOW.
OR PERHAPS HE HIMSELF HASN'T YET REALIZED THAT HE HAS FOUND THE 'CORPSE'.
LIKE US...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE REASON GYRO ZEPPELI JOINED THIS RACE!...
WAS TO FIND THE 'CORPSE'?
THE 'CORPSE' COULD GET LOST OR BURIED.
THE PROBLEM IS, AFTER WE GET RID OF GYRO .
THEREFORE, WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE HOW THE 'CORPSE' IS CURRENTLY BEING HID AND CARRIED!
"THE 'CORPSE' CHOOSES THE PERSON."
SINCE THAT IS THE NATURE OF THE 'CORPSE' AND THE 'DEVIL'S PALM'.

I WAS NEVER TOLD THAT THERE WOULD BE 'MURDERS' HAPPENING IN THE RACE!
GET RID OF?!
AND I DID PROMISE TO COOPERATE EXTENSIVELY WITH YOU IN THIS RACE, BUT...
WAIT A SECOND..
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT GYRO ZEPPELI...
DID YOU SAY YOU WILL GET RID OF GYRO ZEPPELI?! SO THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT SEARCHING FOR THE 'CORPSE'?! THIS IS NOT WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD!
THIS IS THE 'CORPSE' THAT MANKIND HAS BEEN WAITING FOR, MORESO THAN FOR ANY OTHER POWER OR TREASURE! IT IS OUR MAIN PRIORITY!
WE WILL USE ANY MEANS!
LISTEN, MR. STEEL!
IT IS 'JUSTICE' FOR US TO GET THIS 'CORPSE'!
WE WILL MAKE SURE IT WILL BE IN OUR HANDS IN THE END!


MR. STEEL!
THIS 'RACE' THAT PASSES THROUGH THE ROUTE ON THIS 'MAP'!
BRING SUCCESS TO THIS STEEL BALL RUN 'RACE' ...
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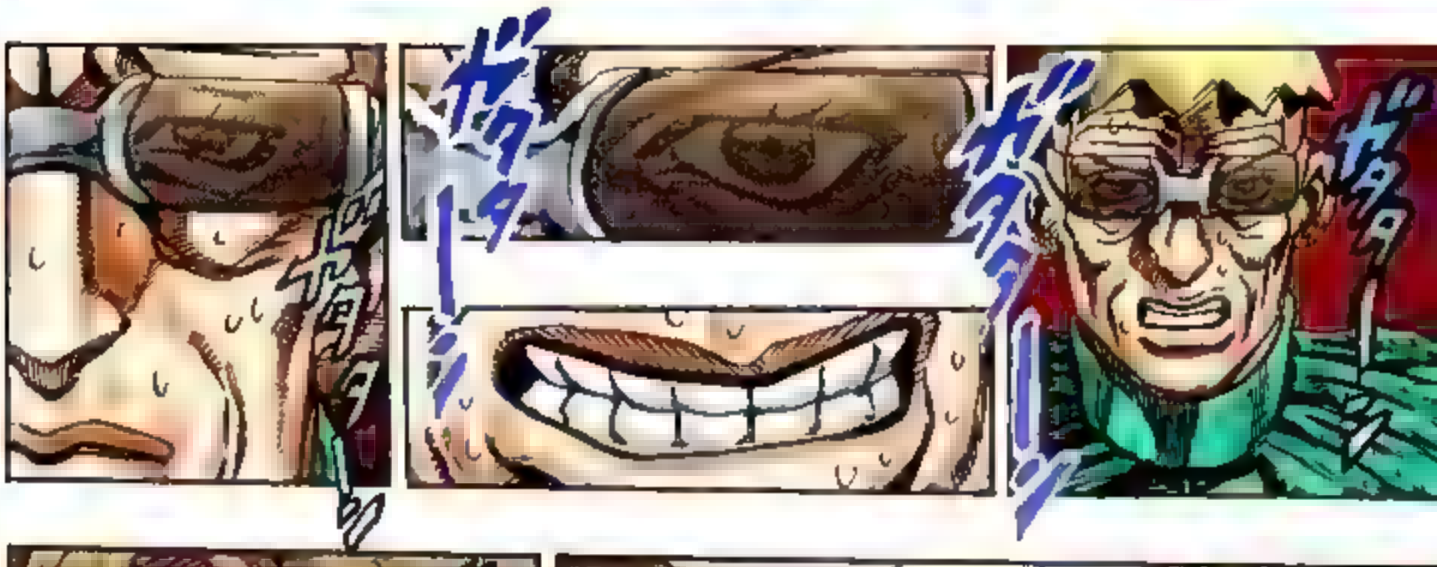
WHEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE COME TOGETHER AND PASS THROUGH THIS 'ROUTE', THOSE WHO HAVE THE 'ABILITY' ARE SURE TO FIND THE 'CORPSE PIECES' SCATTERED ON THIS CONTINENT! THAT IS FOR CERTAIN!

STEPHEN STEEL! THIS 'RACE' WOULDN'T EVEN EXIST IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME!
AND 'MURDER' YOU SAY?! WATCH YOUR WORDS!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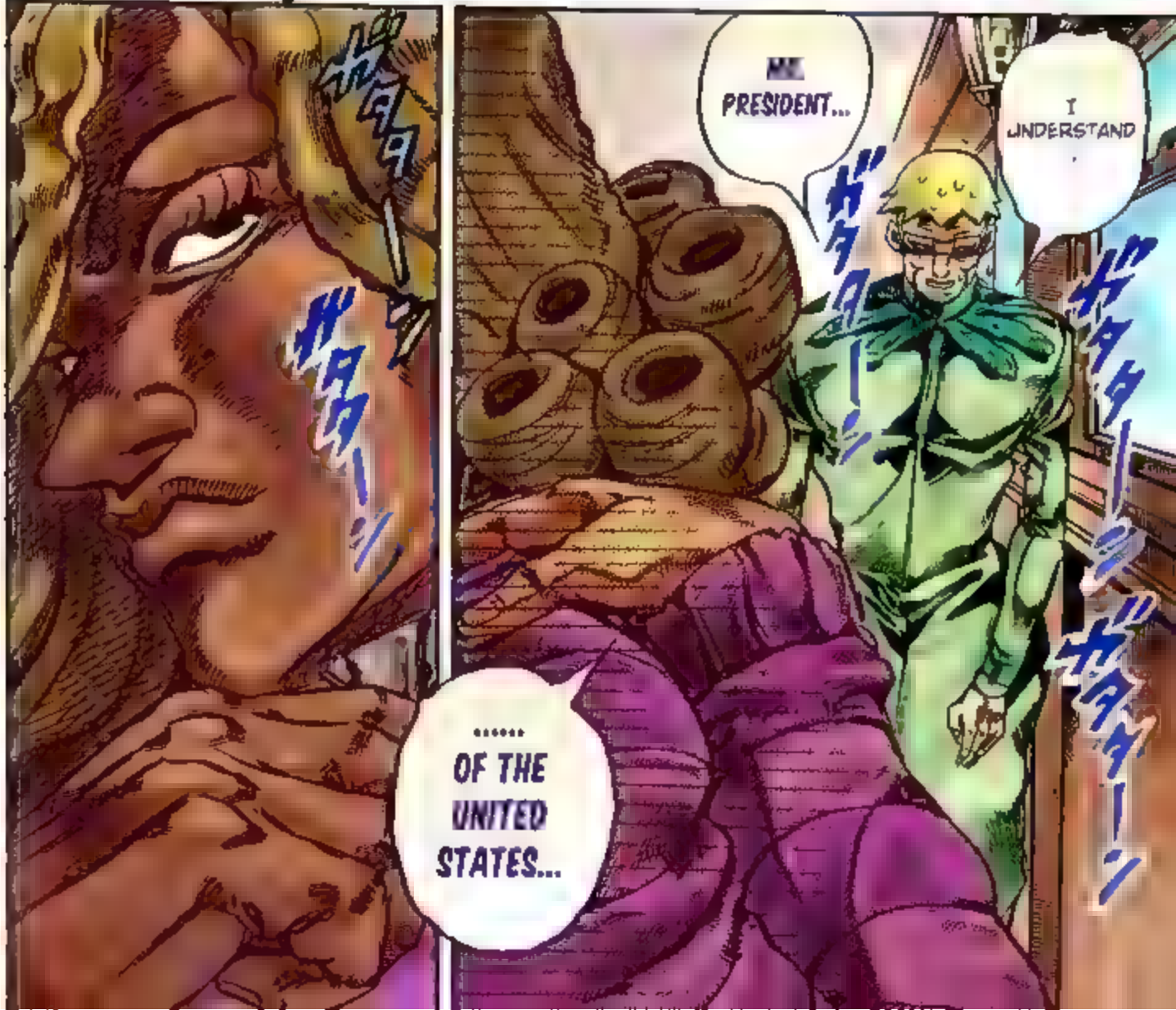
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MR. PRESIDENT...
I UNDERSTAND
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SHE IS VERY FOOLISH AND
THIS IS MY WIFE.
MR. PRESIDENT!
I'M EXTREMELY SORRY!

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. ...
NOT ABOUT ME... YOUR YOUNG BEAUTIFUL WIFE...
BE CAREFUL.
IT'S ABOVE YOUR HEAD.

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THEY'RE CALLED 'PLANS' ...
THE ACTIONS OF MY 'SERVANTS', MR. STEEL...
...NOT 'MURDER'... THE 'ORDERS' THAT I GIVE OUT...
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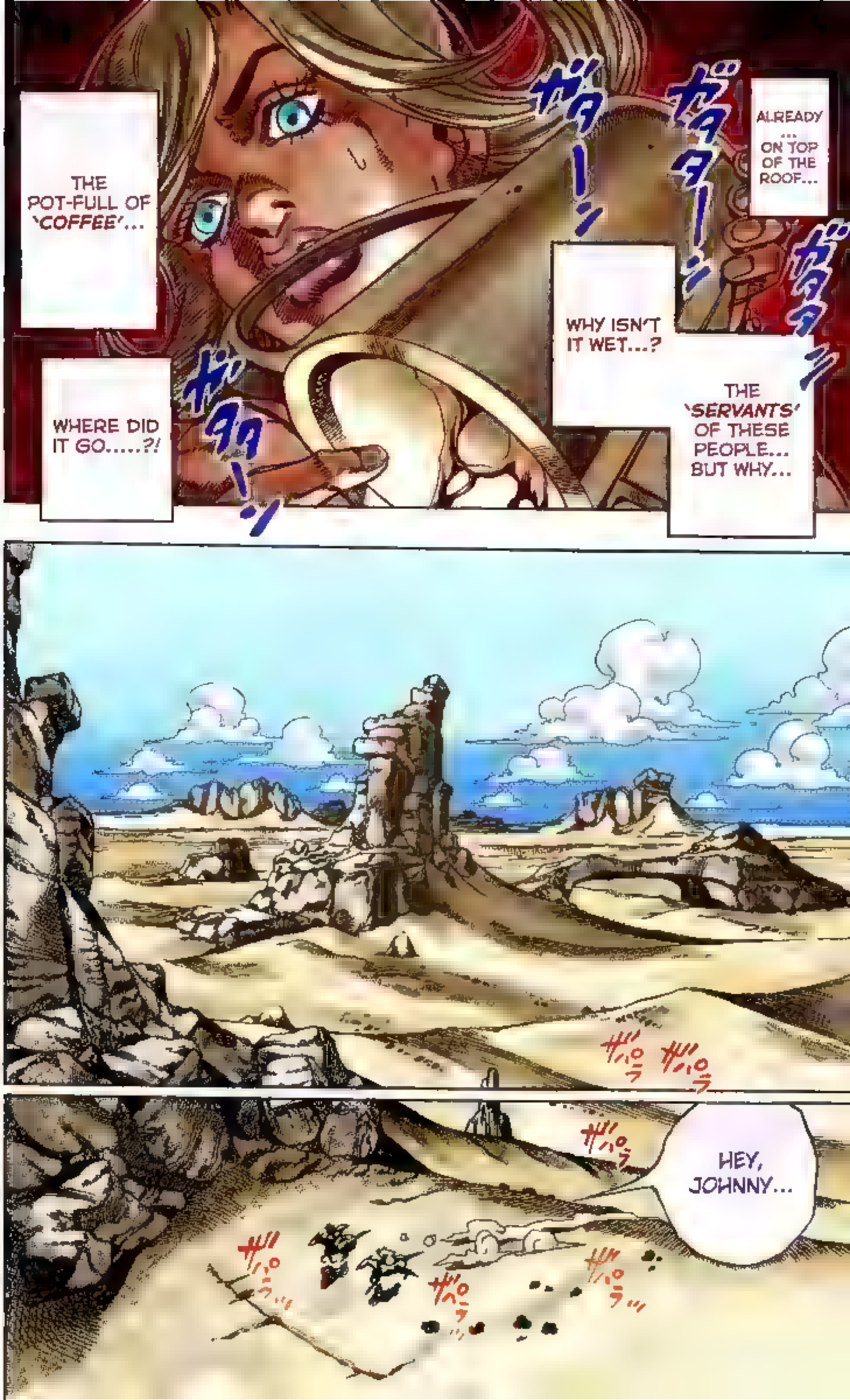
THE POT-FULL OF 'COFFEE'...
WHERE DID IT GO.....?!
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ALREADY ... ON TOP OF THE ROOF...
WHY ISN'T IT WET...?
THE 'SERVANTS' OF THESE PEOPLE... BUT WHY...
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HEY, JOHNNY...

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN 'OPERA' SHOW?
AN 'OPERA' ...
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OPERA?
THOSE 'MUSIC' PLAYS? WHERE THEY START S NG NG OUT THEIR SITUATION WHEN THEY COULD JUST SAY THEIR LINES?
...NOPE, NEVER SEEN ONE
WHY DO YOU ASK?
BUT WHY LOOK AT THEM WITH OPERA GLASSES?
YEAH. THAT'S WHY THEY CAN SING LIKE THAT, I GUESS.
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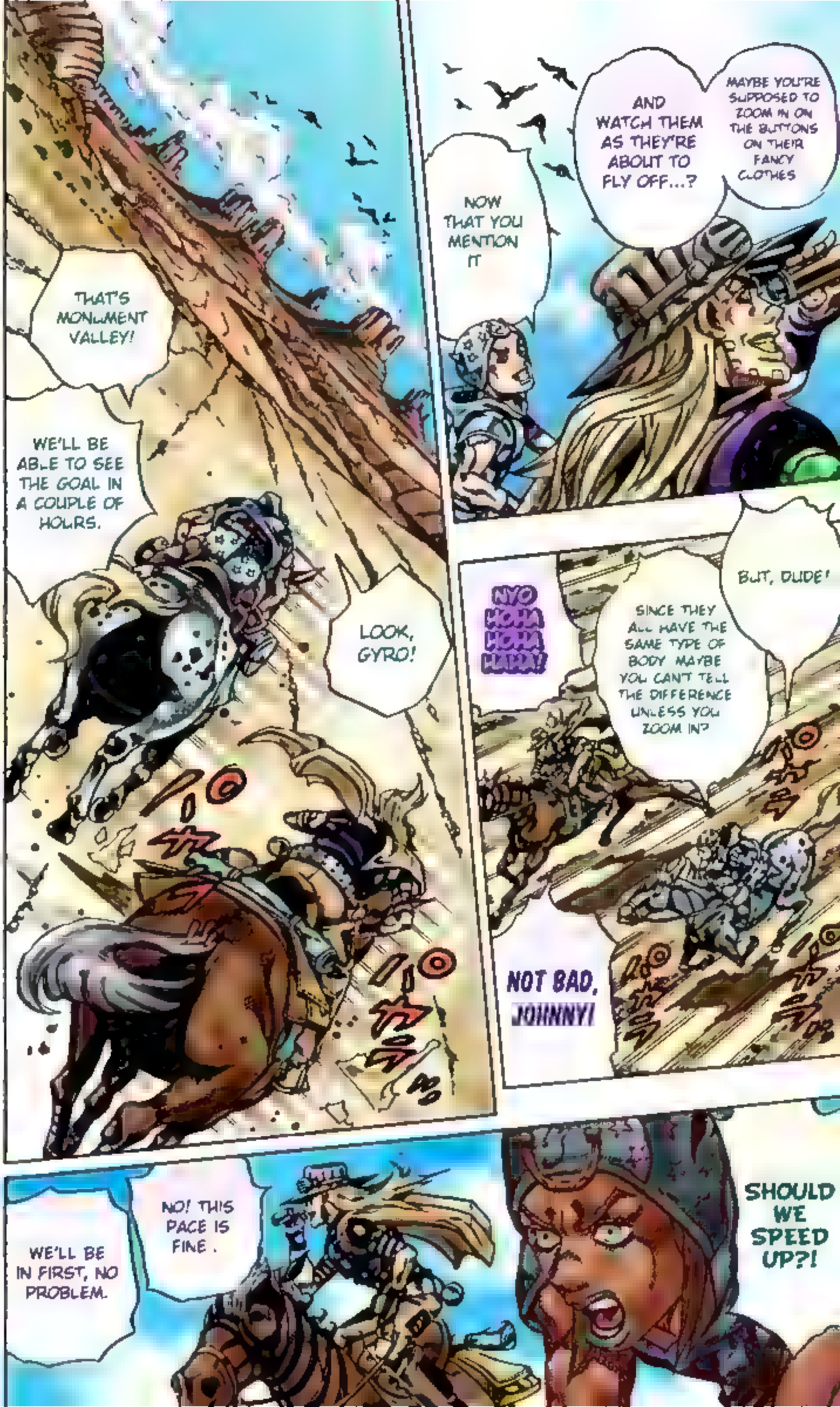
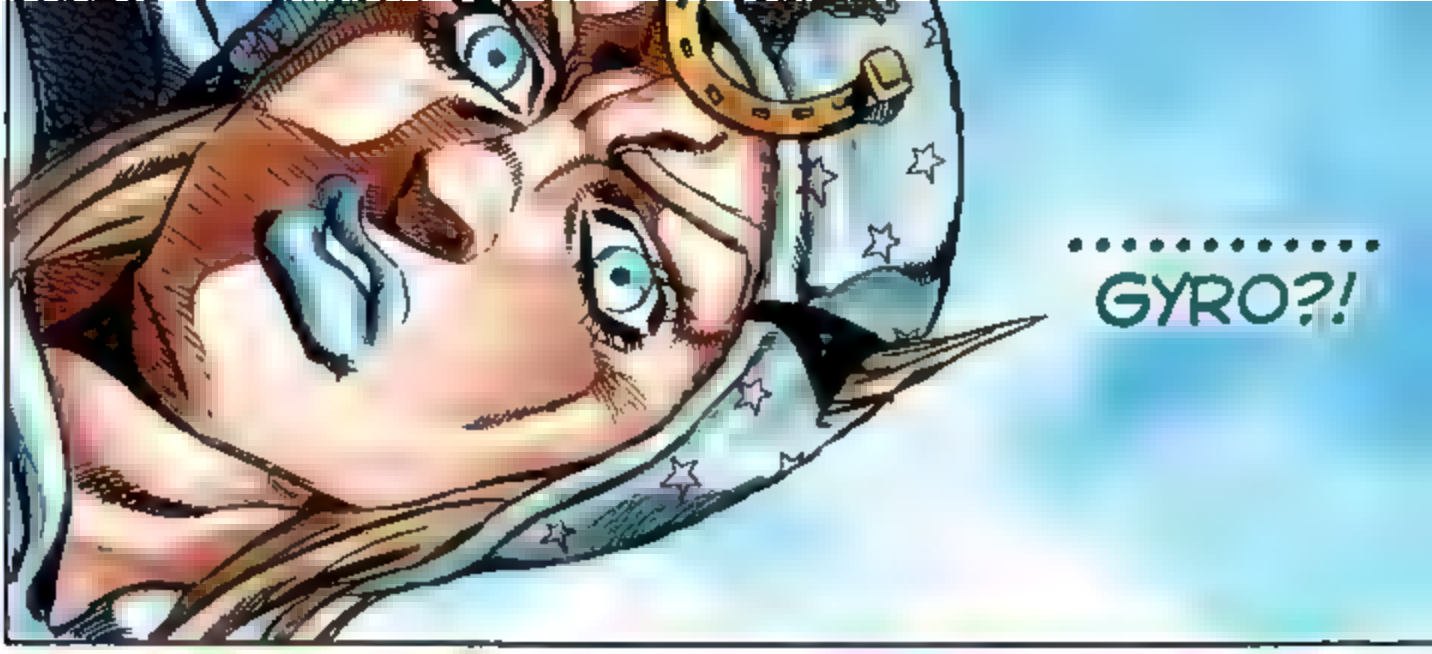
YOU DON'T NEED TO
'CAUSE THEY'RE ALREADY SO BIG.
THEY CALL THESE 'OPERA GLASSES' BECAUSE YOU USE THEM FOR WATCHING AN OPERA.
JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION...
BUT THE PEOPLE SINGING ON STAGE ALL HAVE HUGE BODIES THAT WEIGH LIKE 120 OR 150KG OR MORE...


THAT'S MONUMENT VALLEY!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THE GOAL IN A COUPLE OF HOURS.
LOOK, GYRO!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT
AND WATCH THEM AS THEY'RE ABOUT TO FLY OFF...?
MAYBE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ZOOM IN ON THE BUTTONS ON THEIR FANCY CLOTHES
NYO HOHA HOHA HAPPA!
BUT, DUDE!
SINCE THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME TYPE OF BODY MAYBE YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE UNLESS YOU ZOOM IN?
NOT BAD, JOHNNY!
WE'LL BE IN FIRST, NO PROBLEM.
NO! THIS PACE IS FINE.
SHOULD WE SPEED UP?!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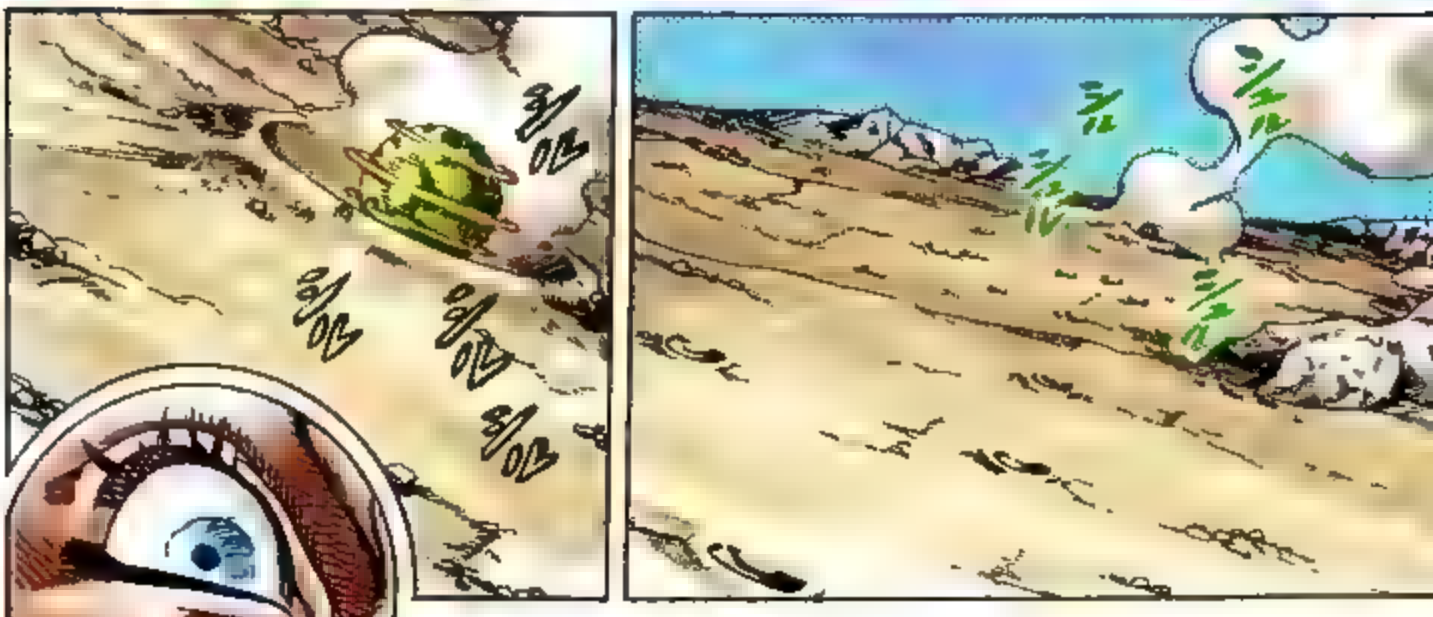
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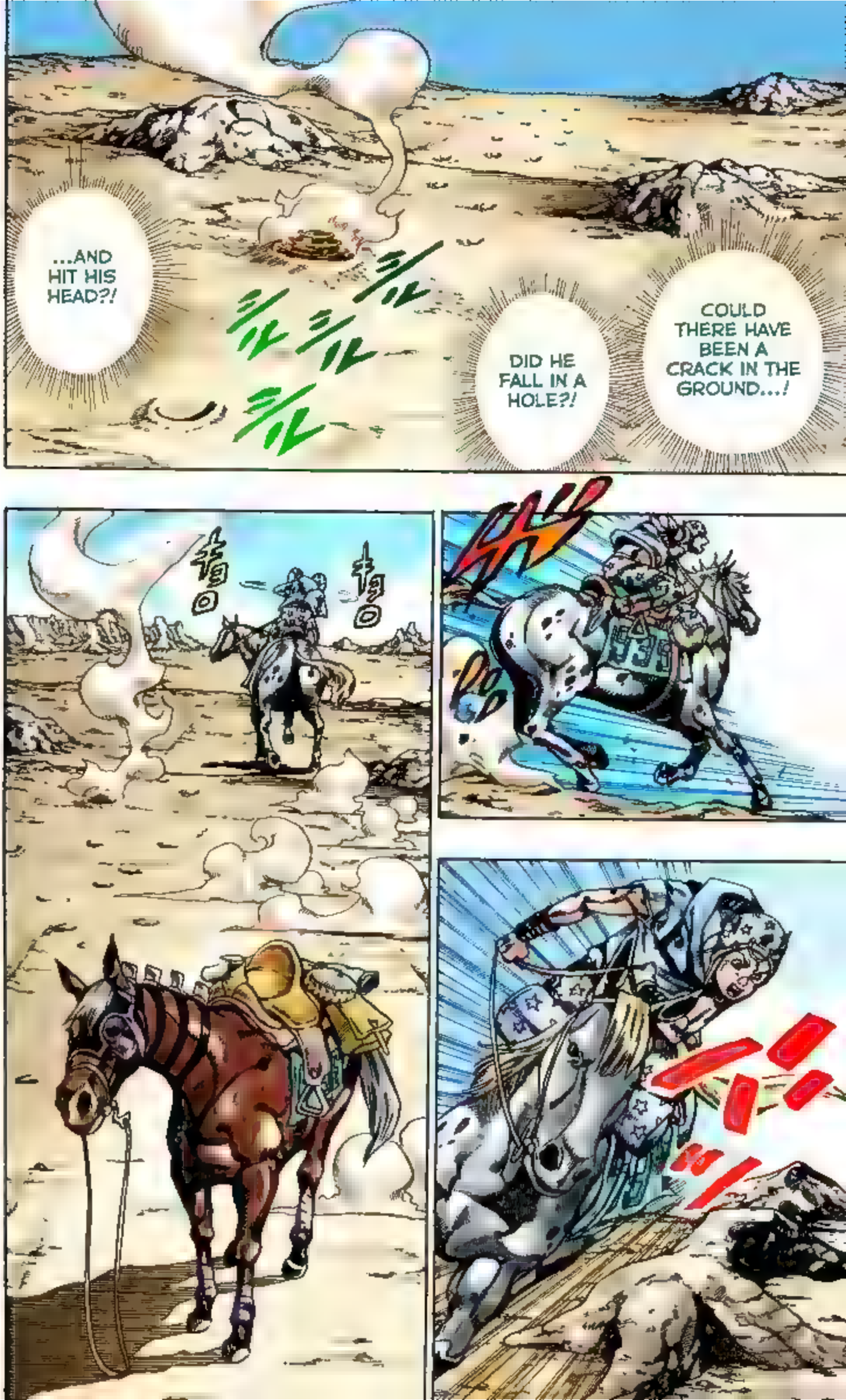
GYRO!?

WHAT HAP-PENED?! GYRO...
WHERE ARE YOU?! GYRO, WHERE ARE YOU?!
COULD HE HAVE FALLEN?


...AND HIT HIS HEAD?!
DID HE FALL IN A HOLE?!
COULD THERE HAVE BEEN A CRACK IN THE GROUND...!

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GYRO, ANSWER ME! WHERE ARE YOU?!
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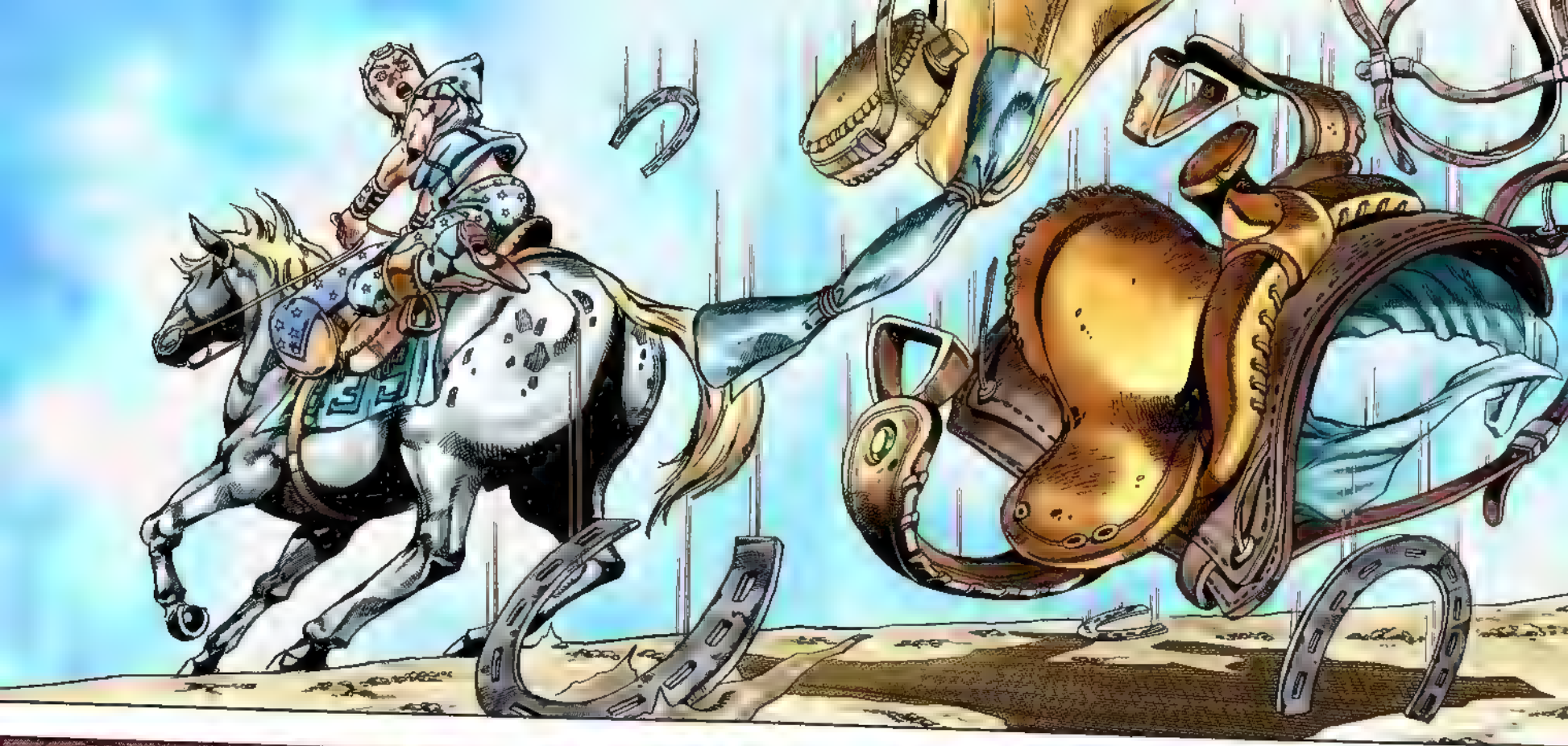
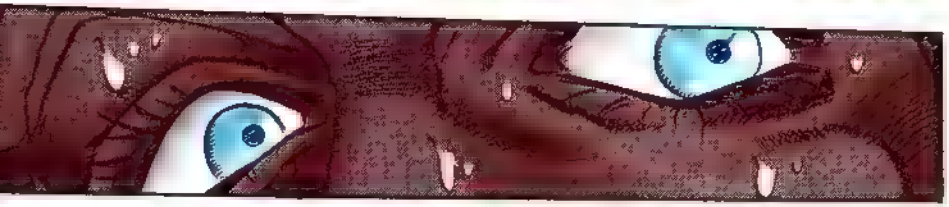
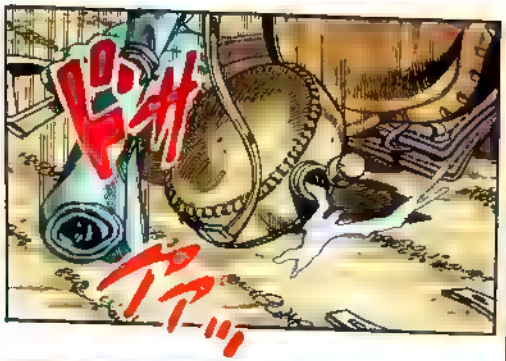




.....AN 'ENEMY'!.....
WE'RE BEING ATTACKED...!
ONLY THE HORSE...
ONLY THE HORSE
DISAPPEARED...
BUT HOW?!
GYRO IS DOWN!
THE HORSE!
GYRO'S HORSE TOO?!
WH... WHERE?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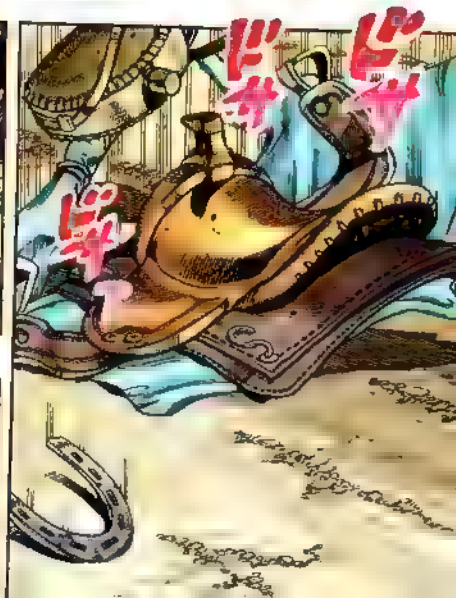
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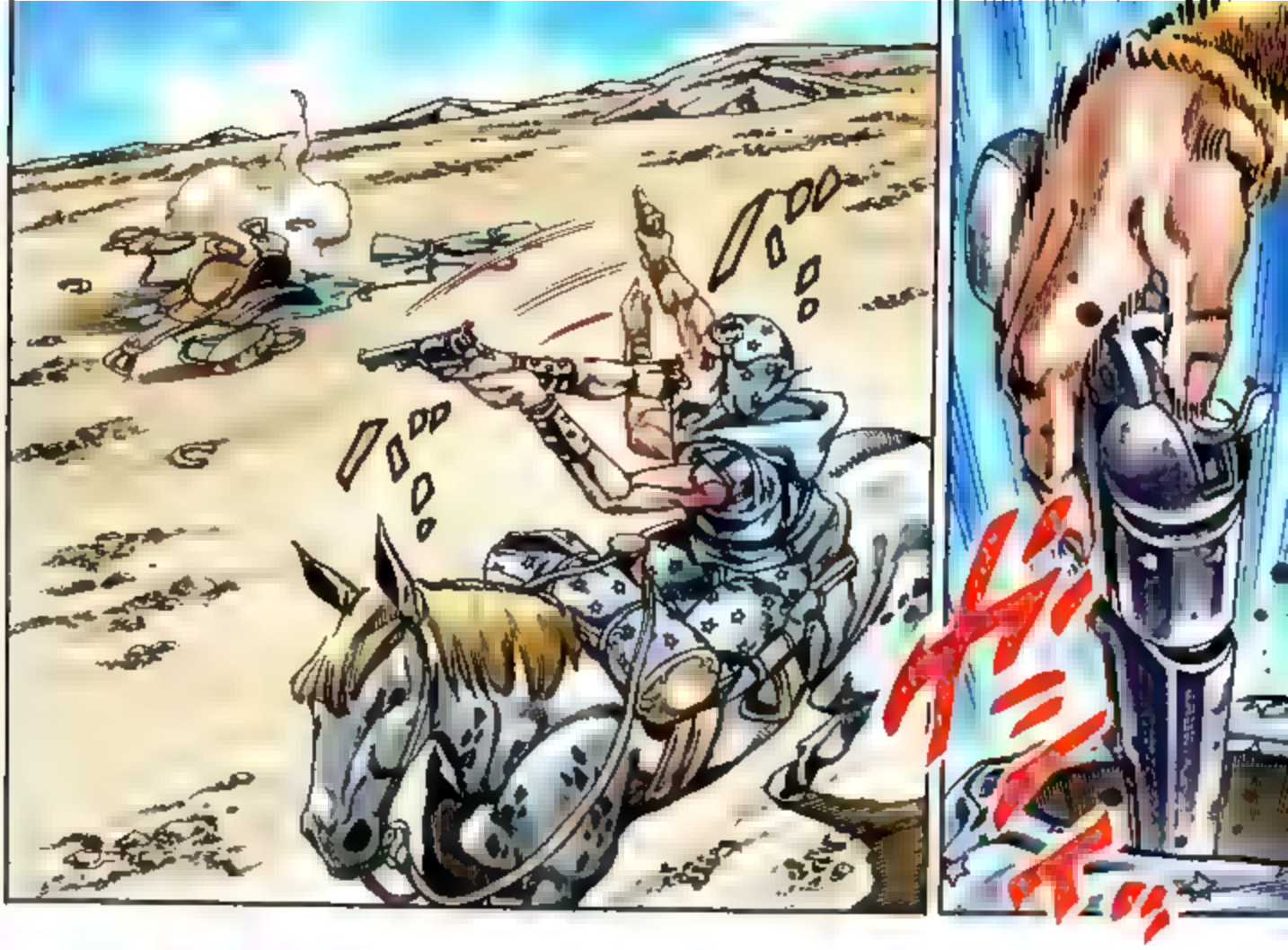

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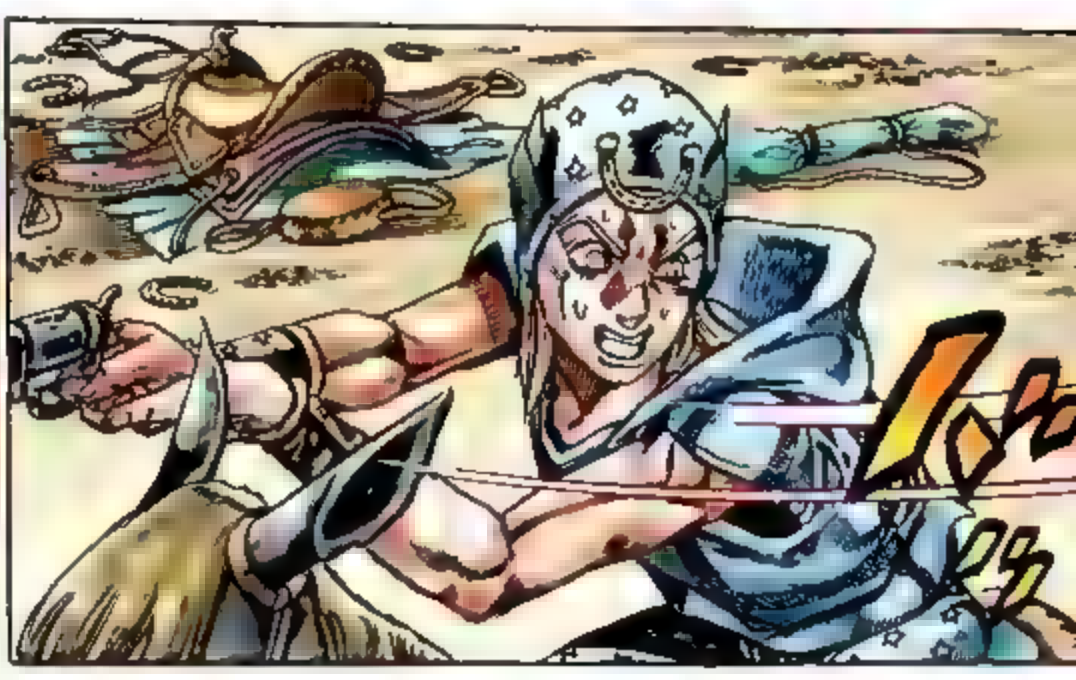

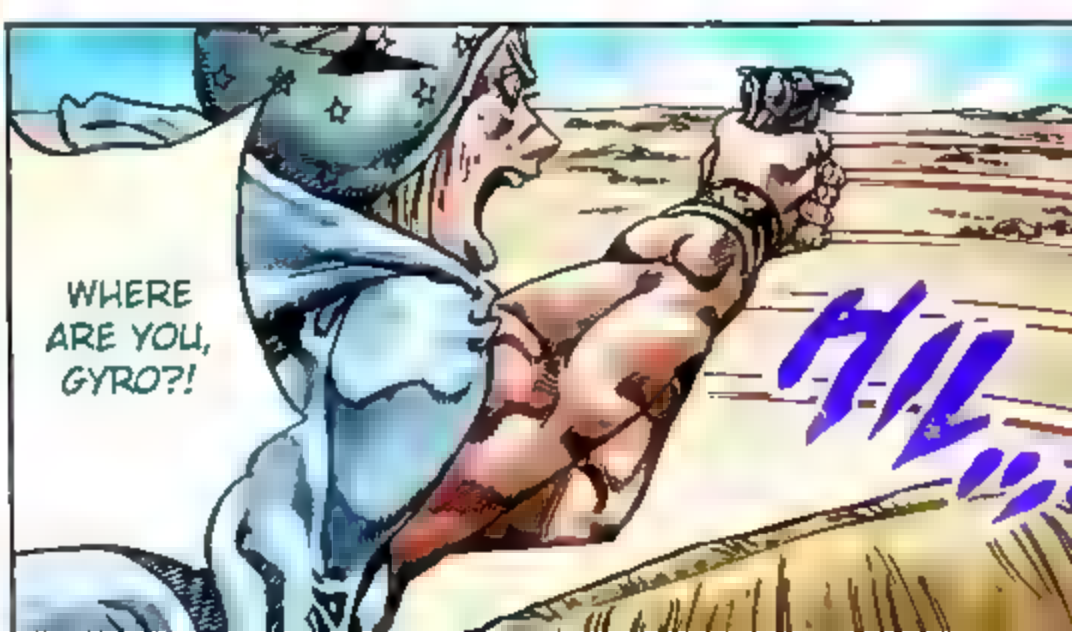
WHERE ARE YOU, GYRO?!
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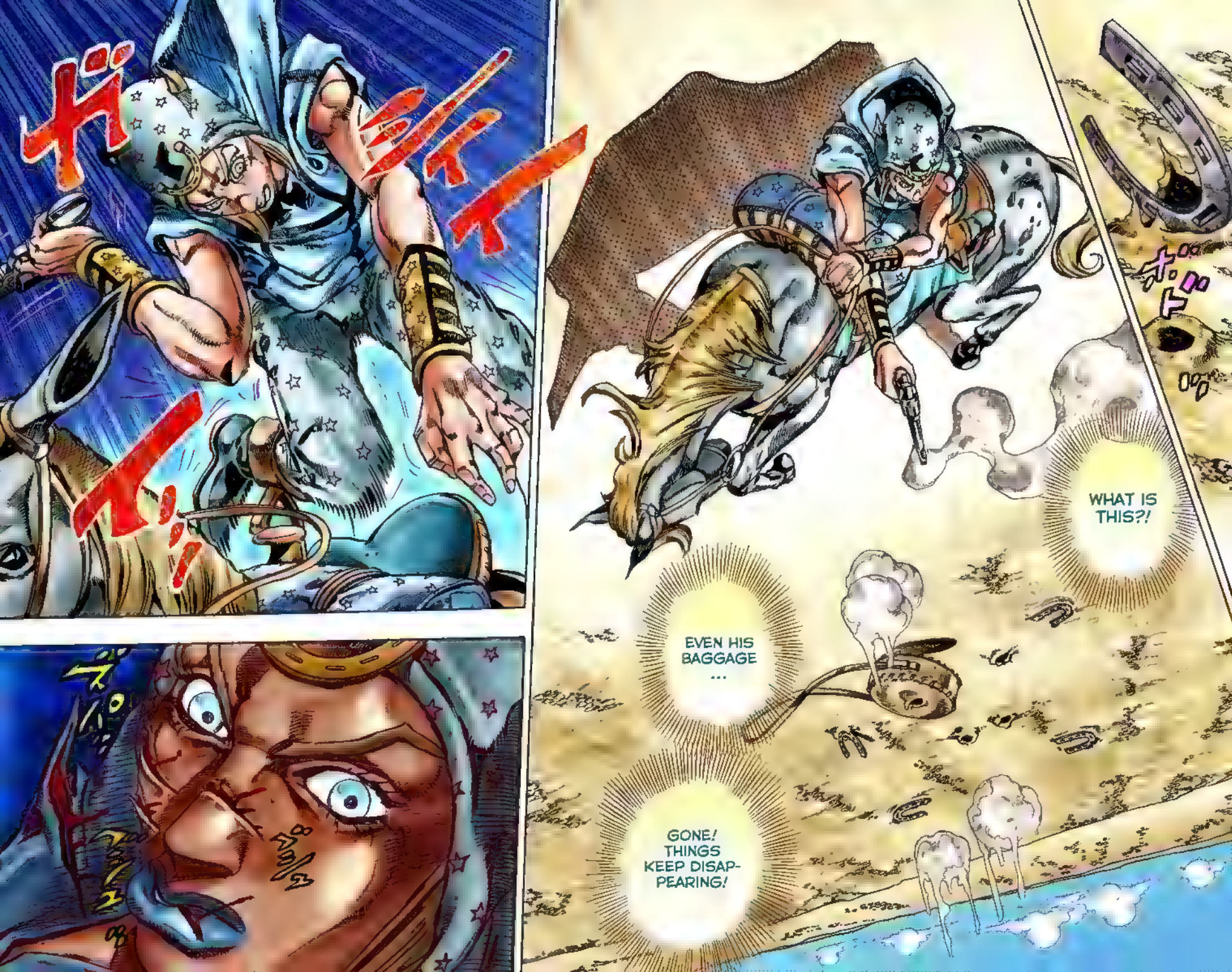
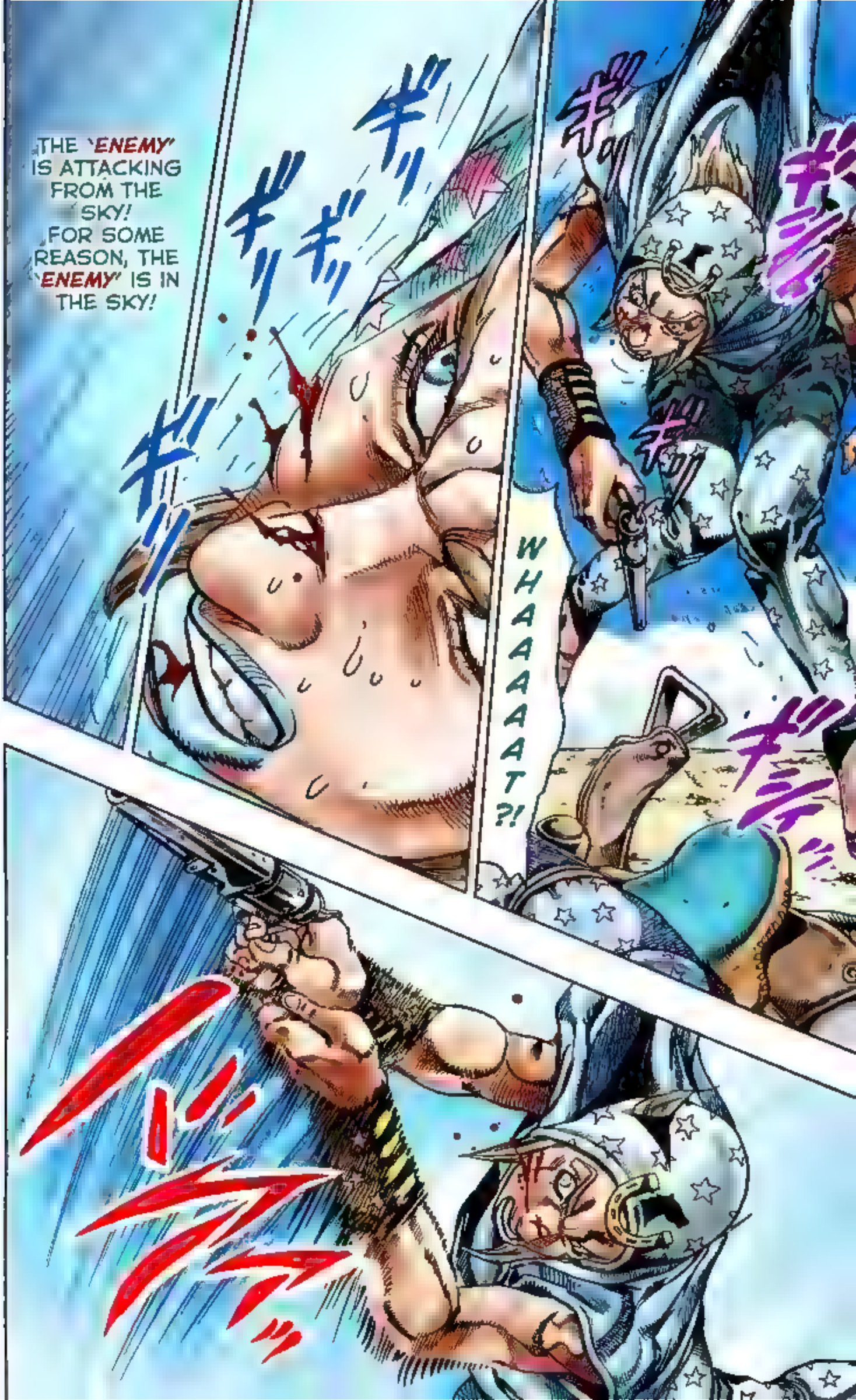
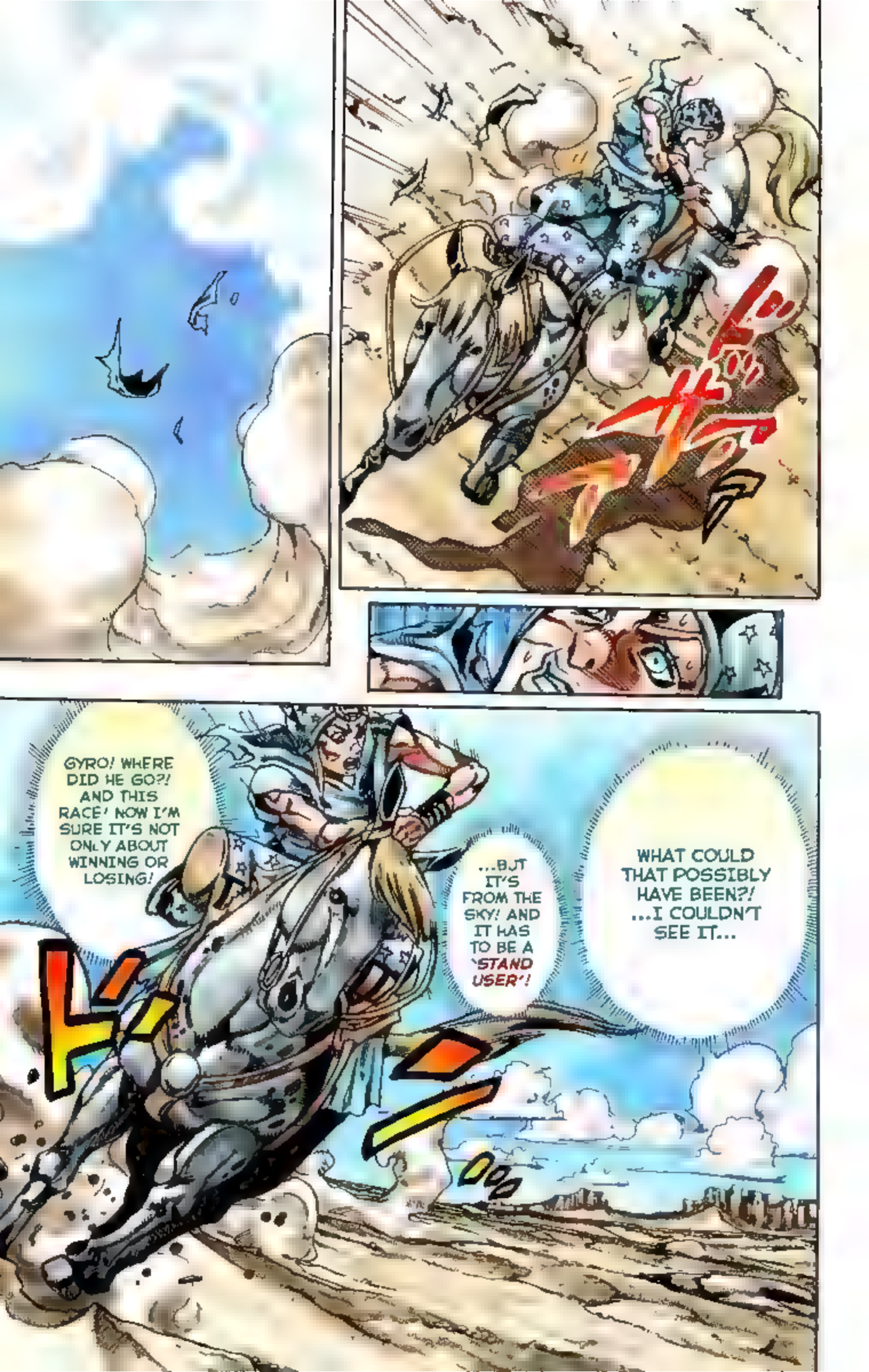

WHAT IS THIS?!
EVEN HIS BAGGAGE ...
GONE! THINGS KEEP DISAP-PEARING!


THE "ENEMY" IS ATTACKING FROM THE SKY! FOR SOME REASON, THE "ENEMY" IS IN THE SKY!
WHAAAAAAT?!

WHAT IS IT...?! THIS POWER?! WHAT COULD BE UP THERE?! AND WHERE?! I CAN'T SEE WELL ENOUGH!

URYAAA!


GYRO! WHERE DID HE GO?! AND THIS RACE! NOW I'M SURE IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING!
...BUT IT'S FROM THE SKY! AND IT HAS TO BE A 'STAND USER'!
WHAT COULD THAT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN?! ...I COULDN'T SEE IT...

LISTEN... WE CALL THIS A "PLAN", MR. STEEL
MURDER, YOU SAY? WATCH YOUR WORDS

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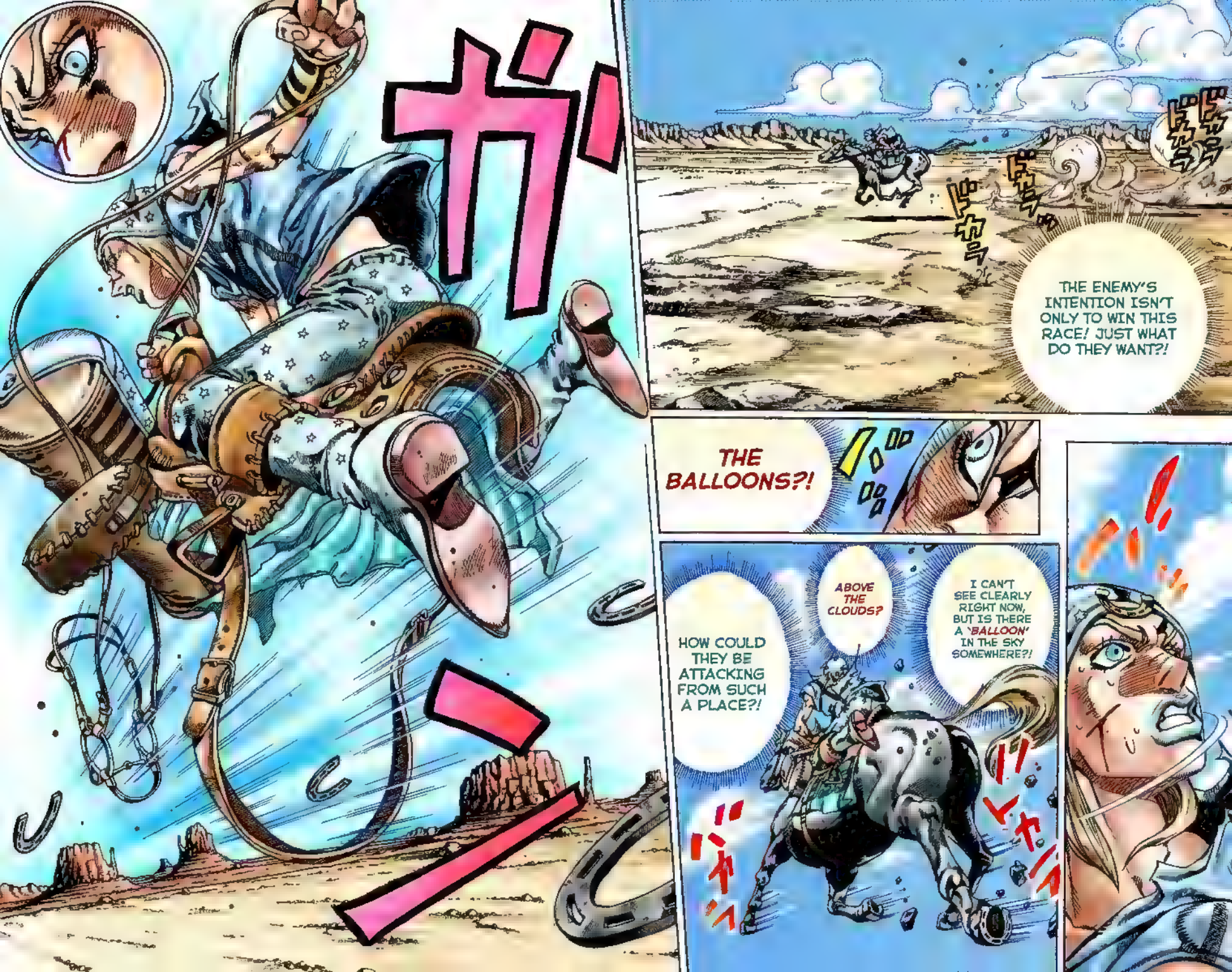
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THE ENEMY'S INTENTION ISN'T ONLY TO WIN THIS RACE! JUST WHAT DO THEY WANT?!
THE BALLOONS?!
HOW COULD THEY BE ATTACKING FROM SUCH A PLACE?!
ABOVE THE CLOUDS?
I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY RIGHT NOW, BUT IS THERE A 'BALLOON' IN THE SKY SOMEWHERE?!
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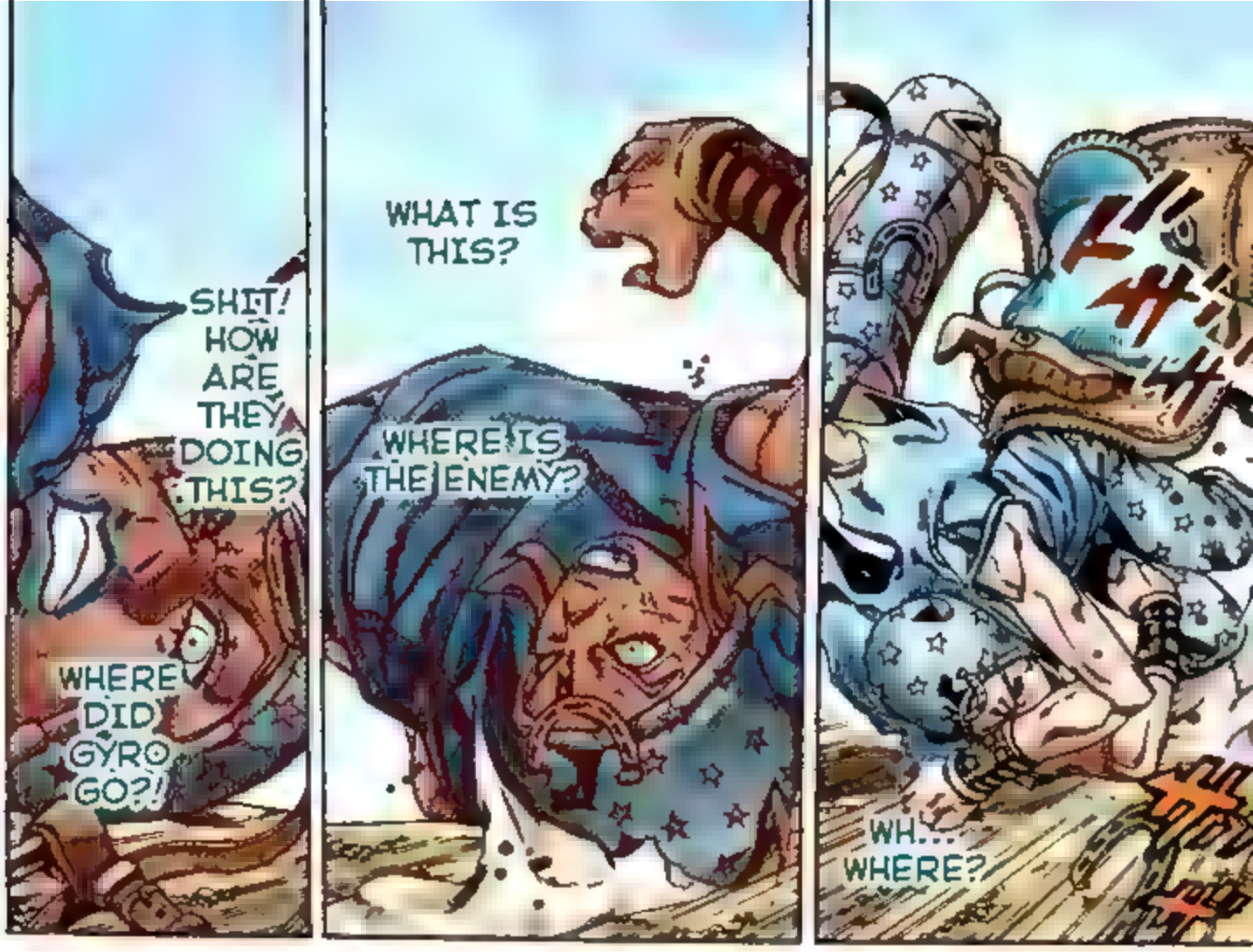
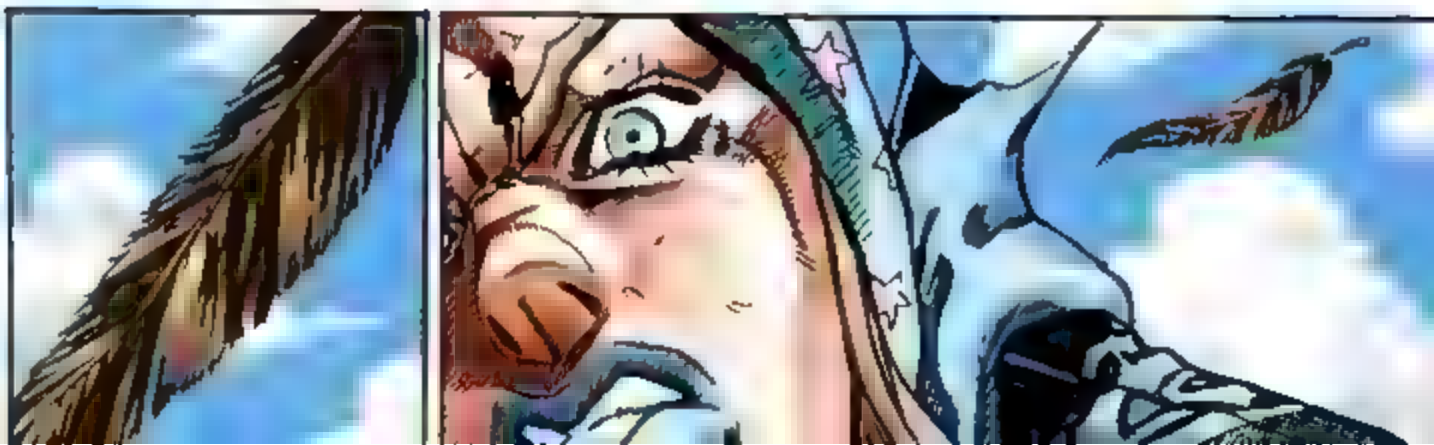

SHIT! HOW ARE THEY DOING THIS?
WHERE DID GYRO GO?!
WHAT IS THIS?
WHERE IS THE ENEMY?
WH... WHERE?

SHIIIT! WHERE IS IT AND WHAT IS IT!



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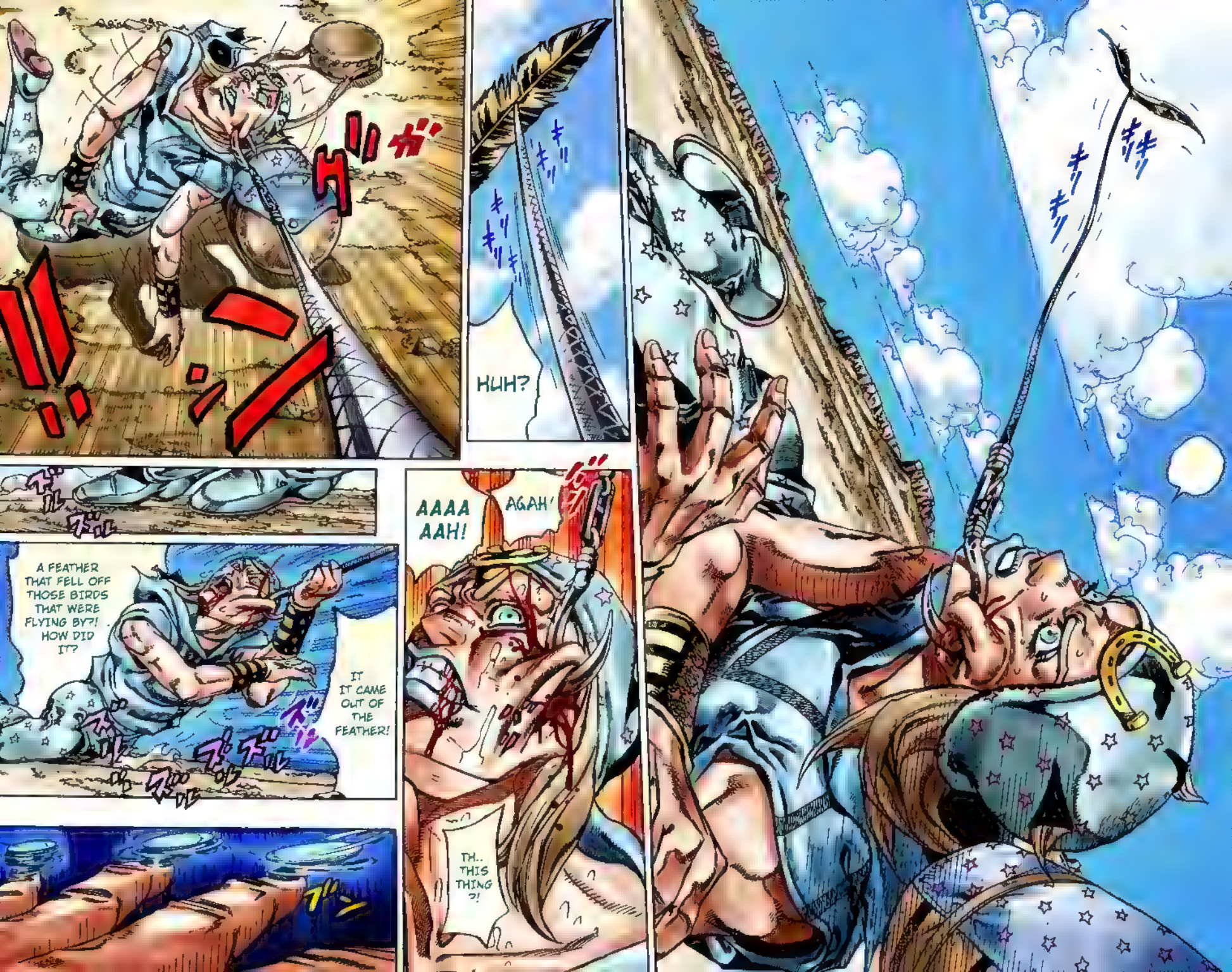
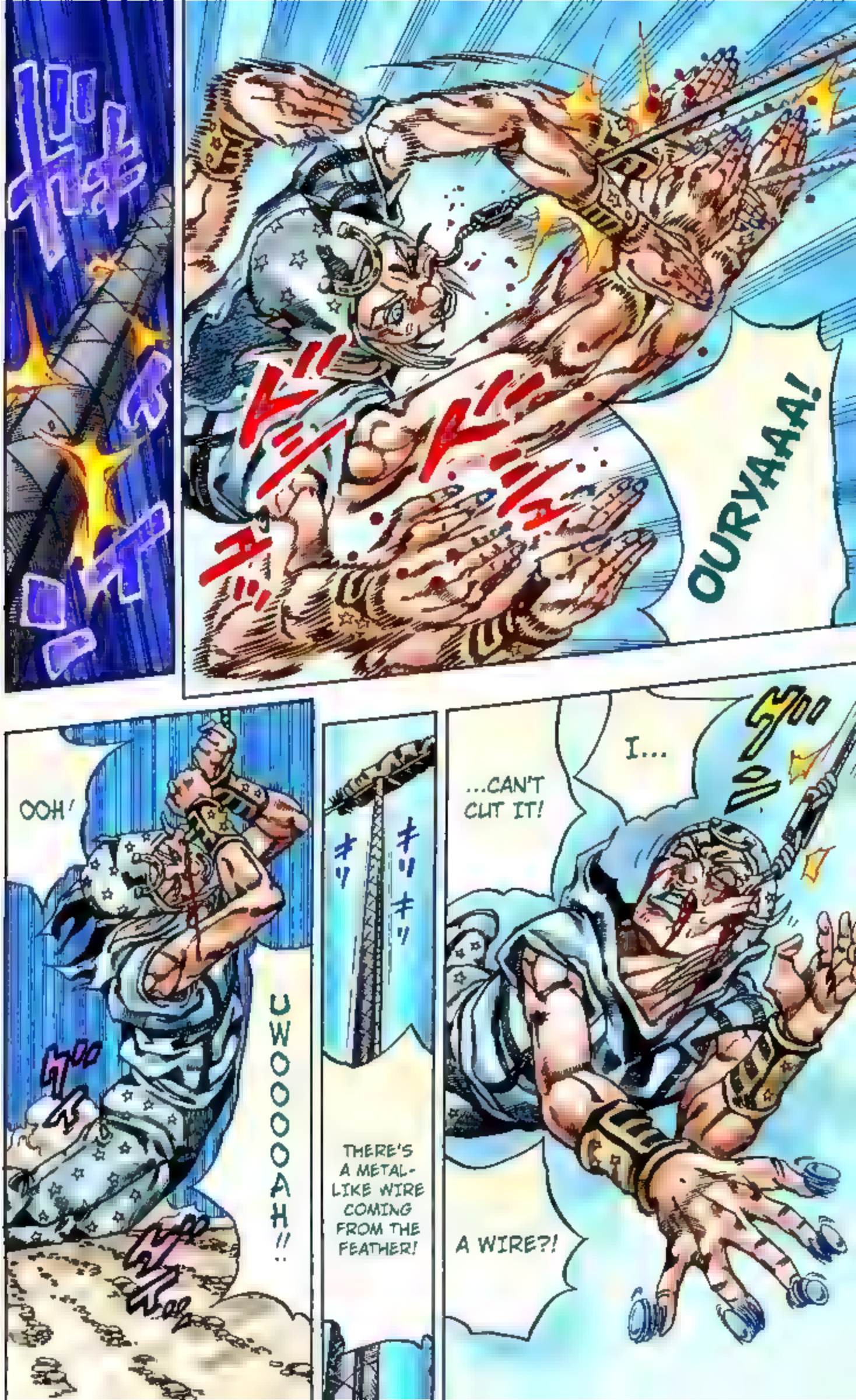

HUH?
AAAA AAH!
AGAH!
TH.. THIS THING ?!
A FEATHER THAT FELL OFF THOSE BIRDS THAT WERE FLYING BY?! HOW DID IT?
IT IT CAME OUT OF THE FEATHER!


OURYAAA!
I...
...CAN'T CUT IT!
A WIRE?!
THERE'S A METAL-LIKE WIRE COMING FROM THE FEATHER!
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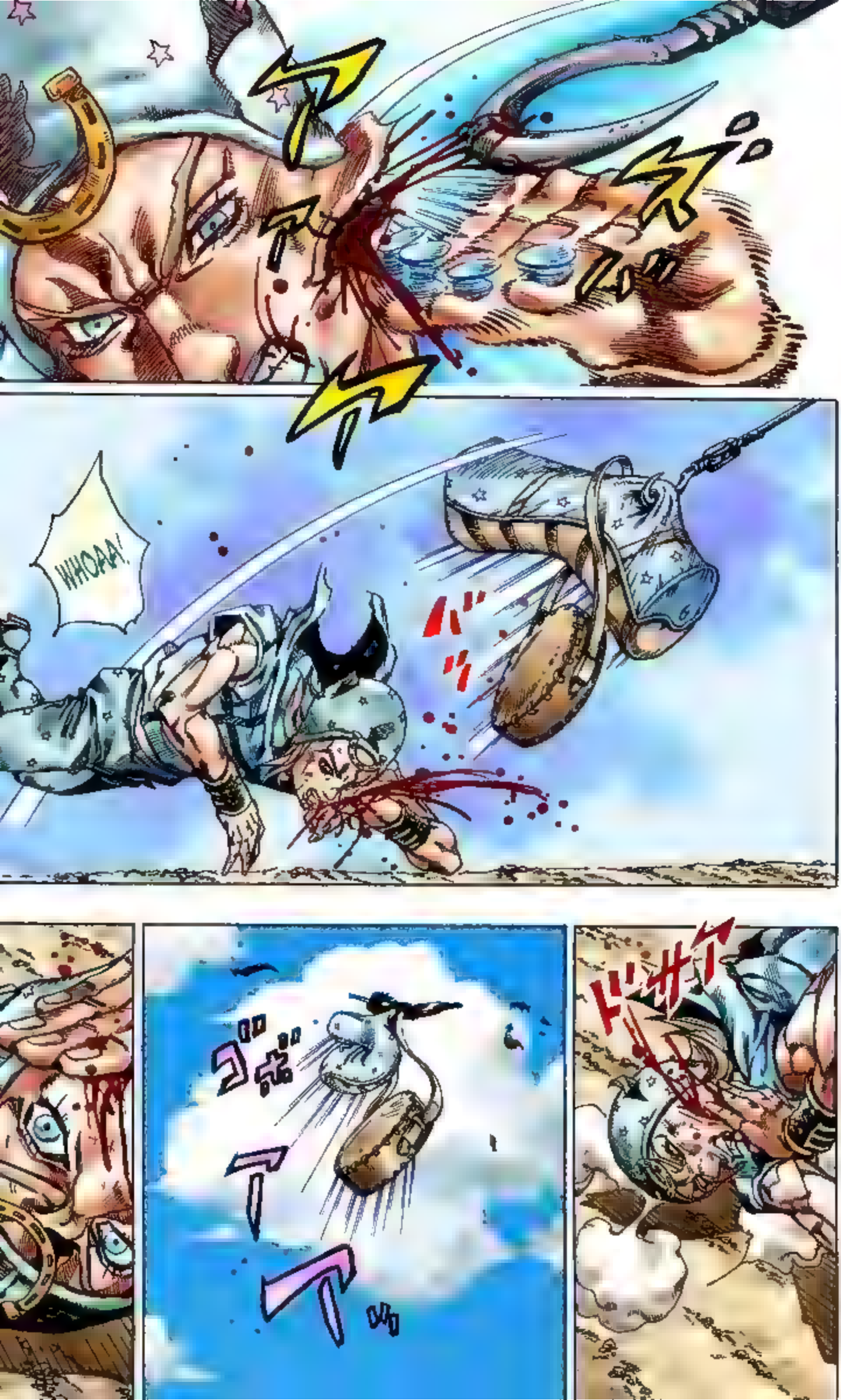
OOH!
WOOOOAH!!


WHOAA!

MY STUFF WENT INTO THE FEATHER!

'A STAND ABILITY'!

THROUGH THAT FEATHER?! DOES IT CONNECT TO A DIFFERENT DIMENSION?! 'GYRO' AND THE 'HORSE' WERE CAUGHT BY THAT 'HOOK' AND PULLED IN THERE!

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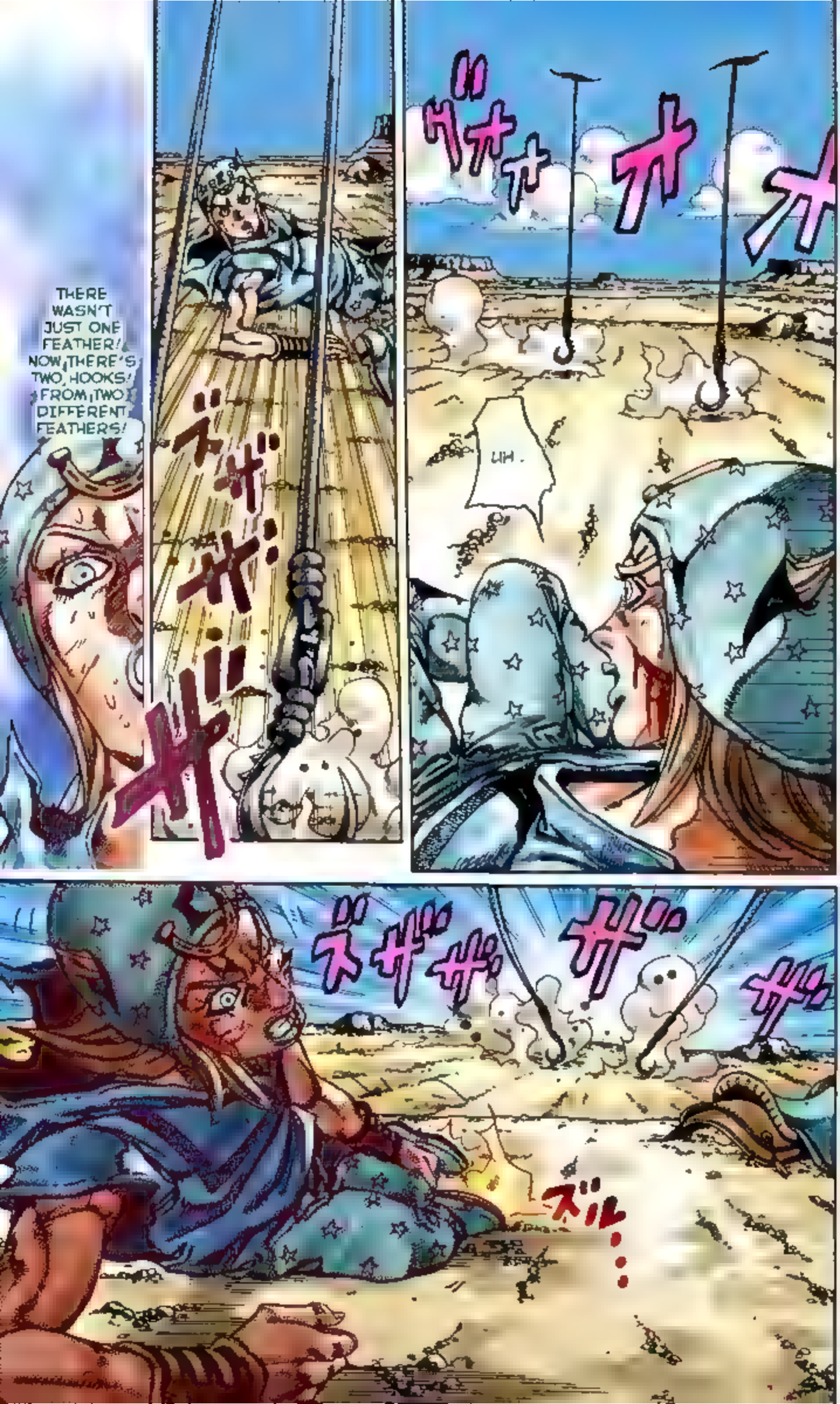
THERE WASN'T JUST ONE FEATHER! NOW THERE'S TWO HOOKS! FROM TWO DIFFERENT FEATHERS!
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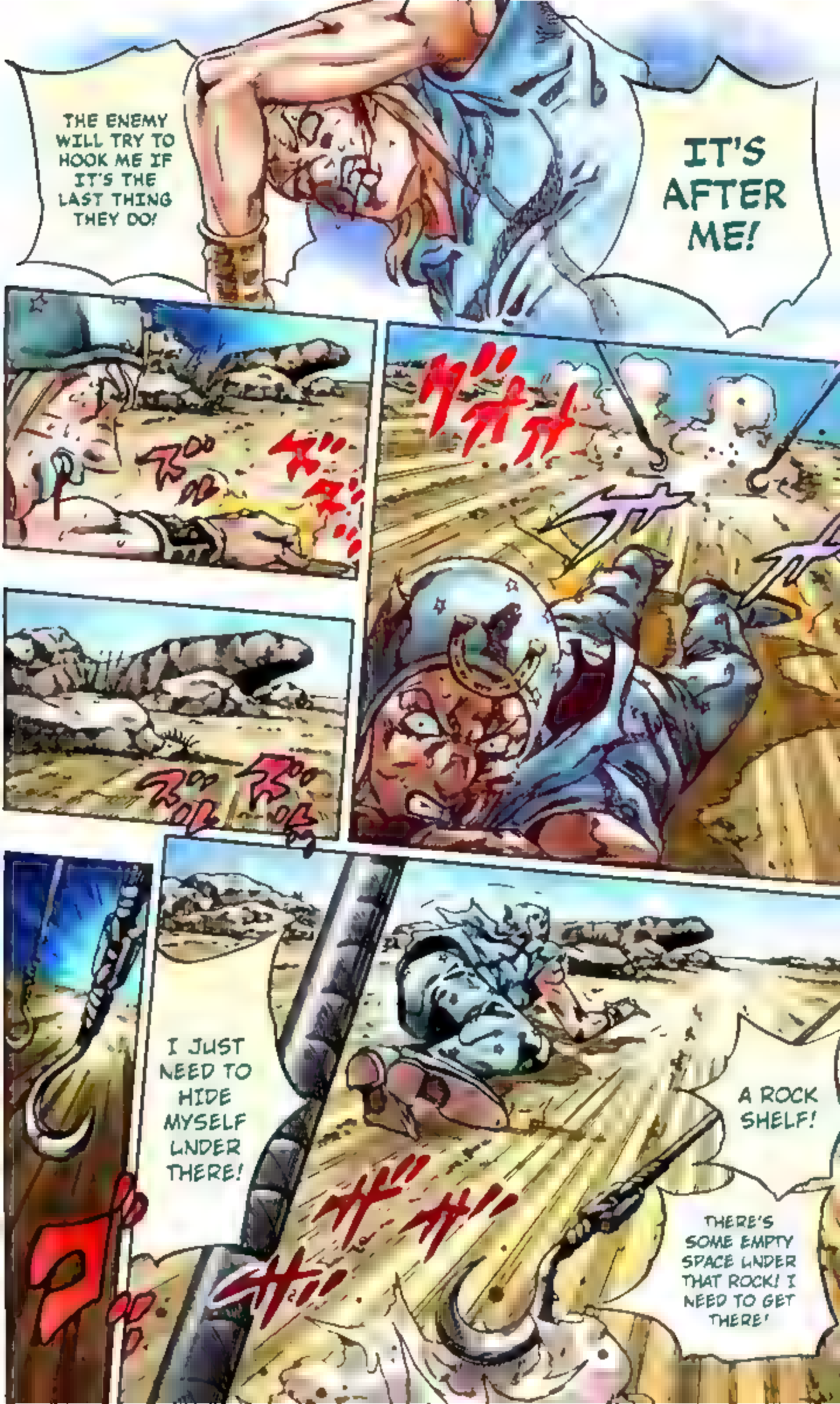
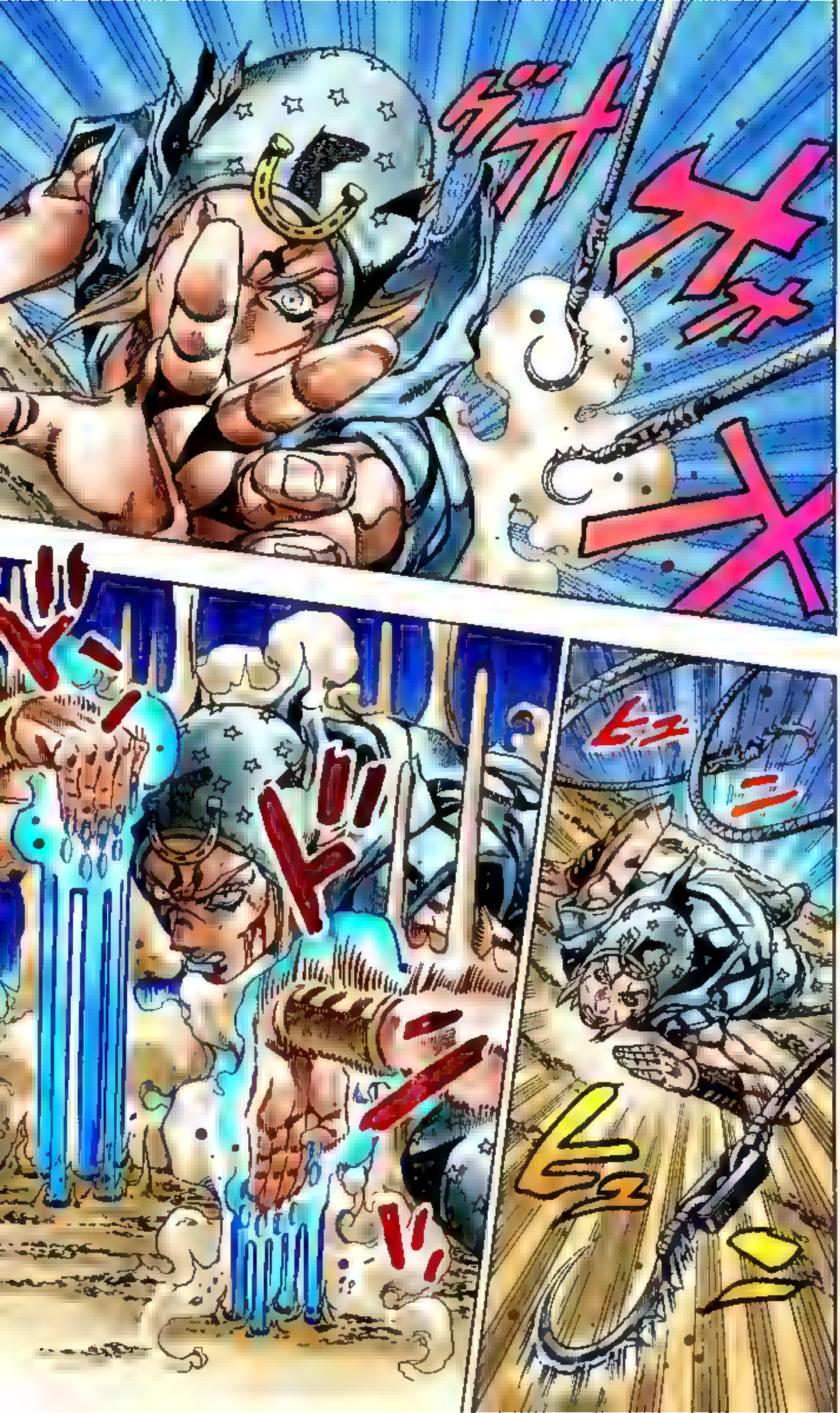

THE ENEMY WILL TRY TO HOOK ME IF IT'S THE LAST THING THEY DO!
IT'S AFTER ME!
I JUST NEED TO HIDE MYSELF UNDER THERE!
A ROCK SHELF!
THERE'S SOME EMPTY SPACE UNDER THAT ROCK! I NEED TO GET THERE!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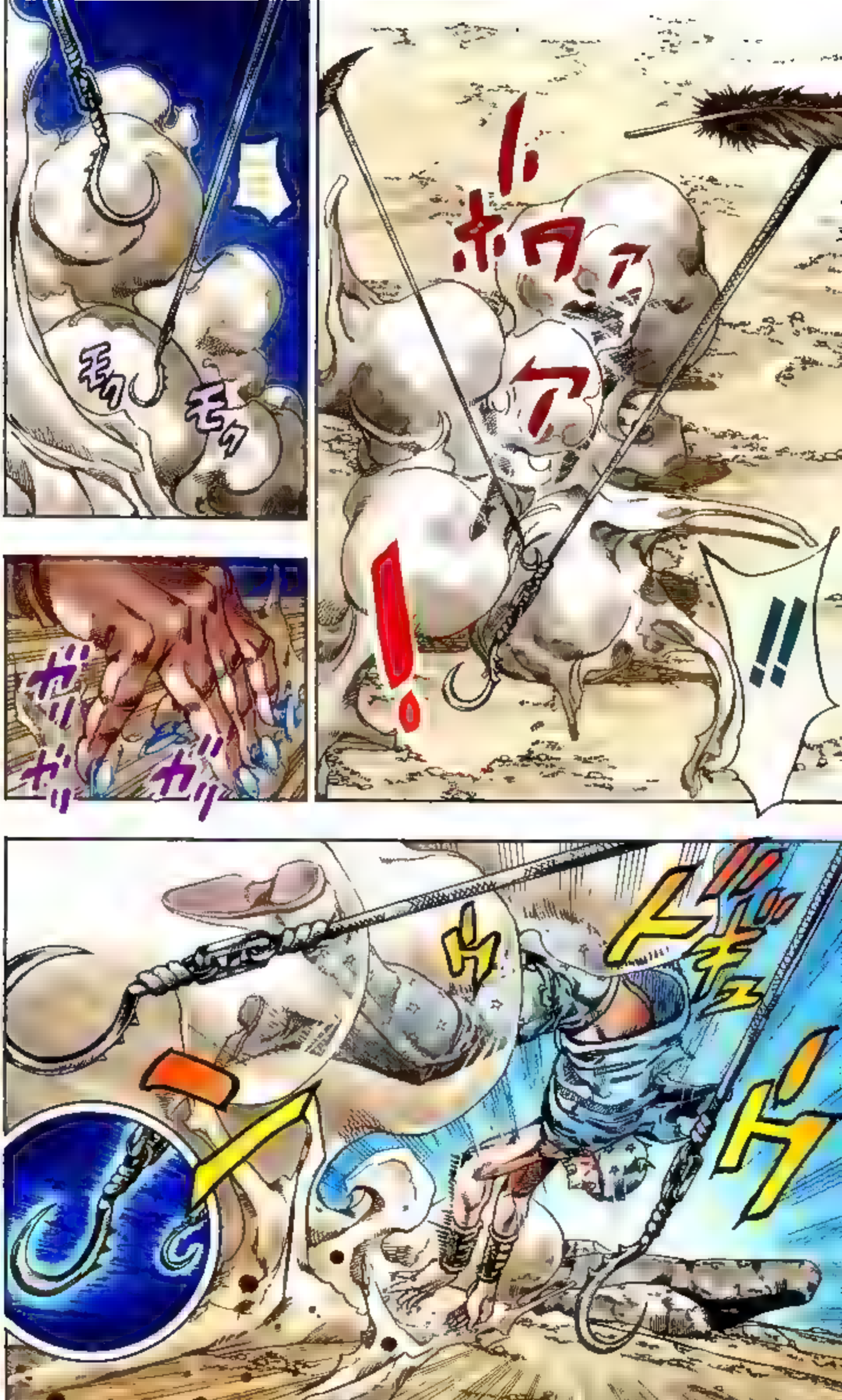
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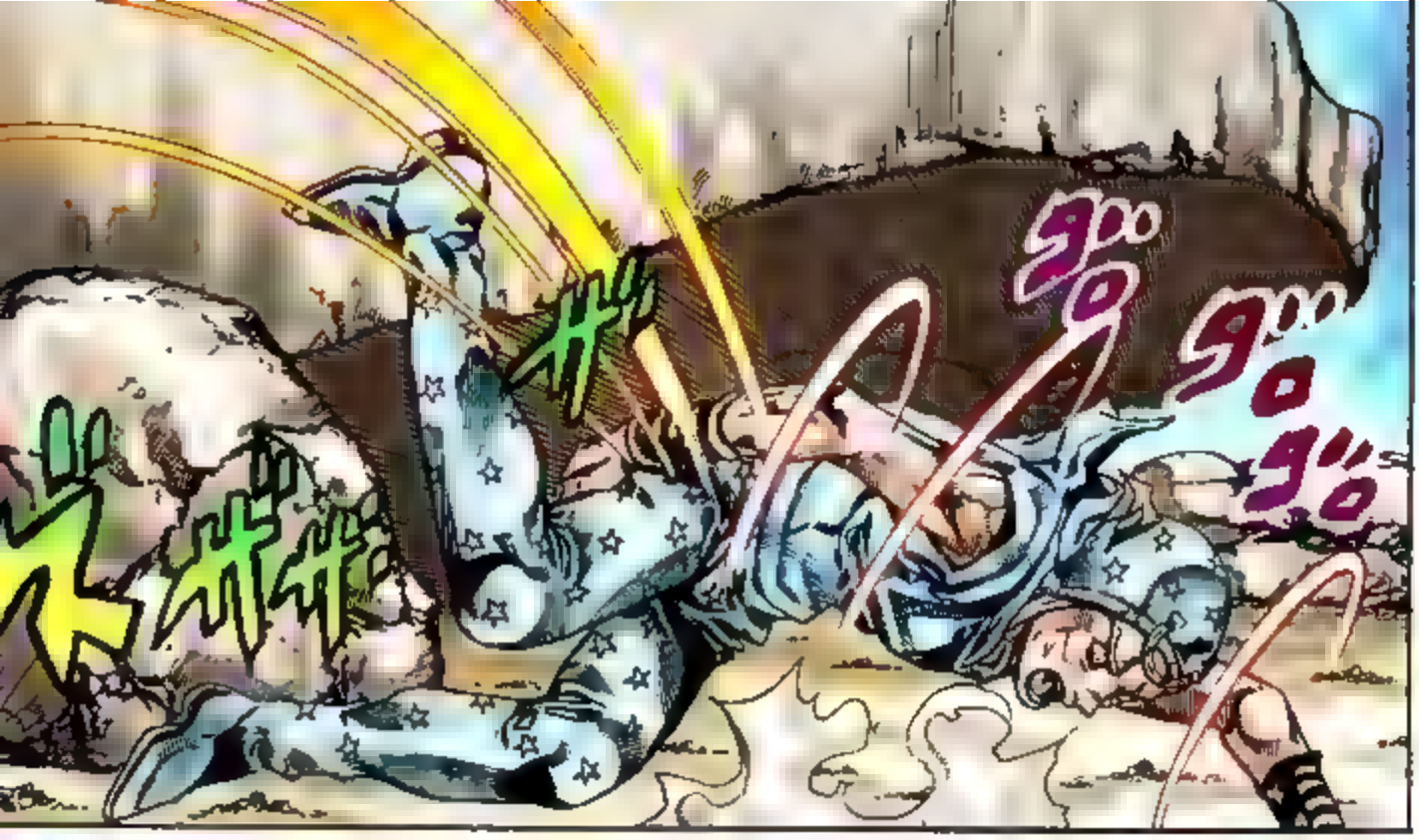
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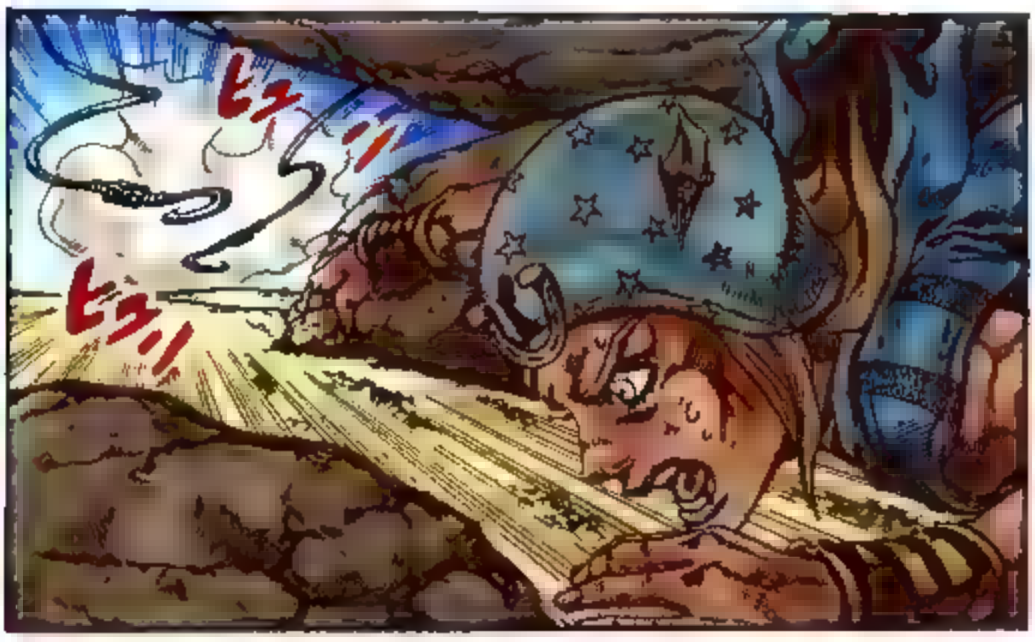
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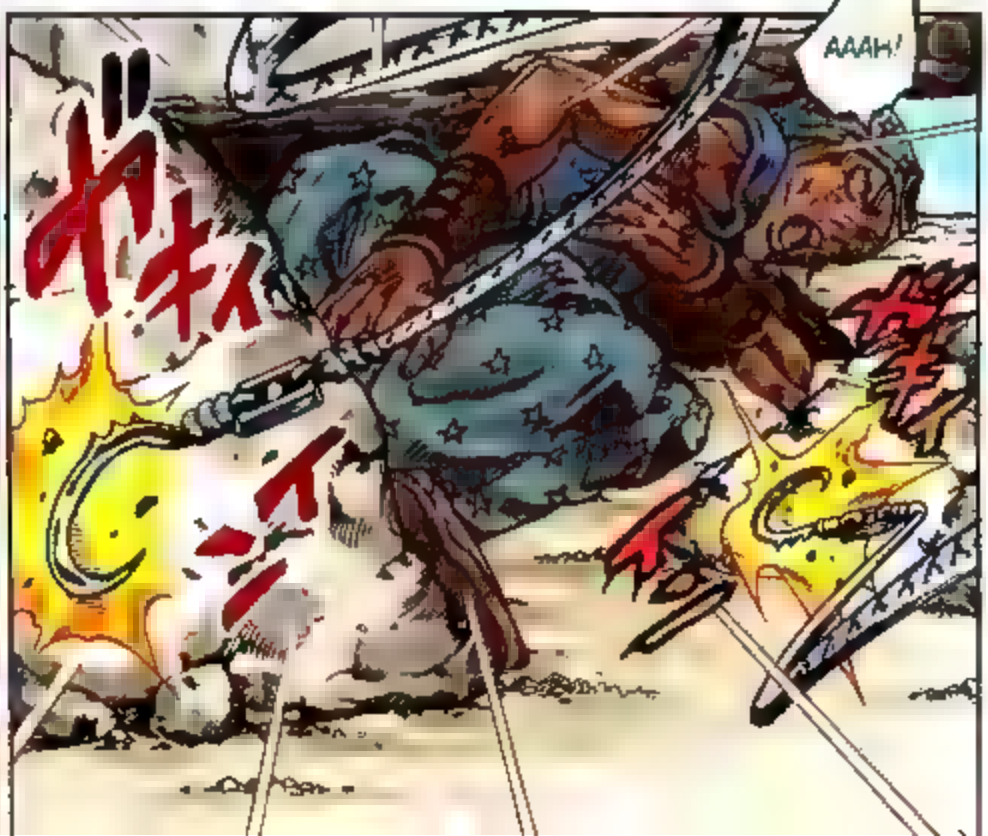
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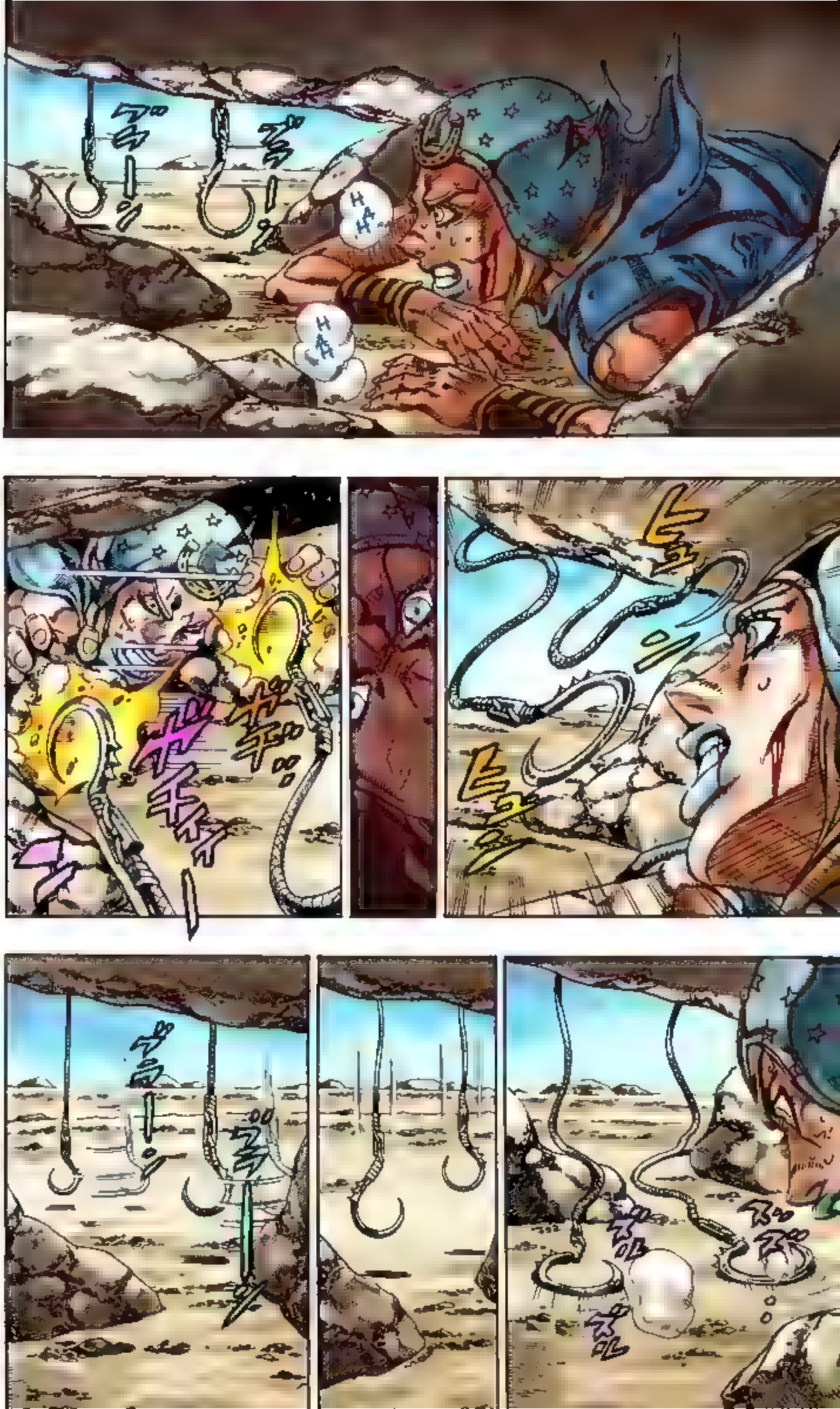

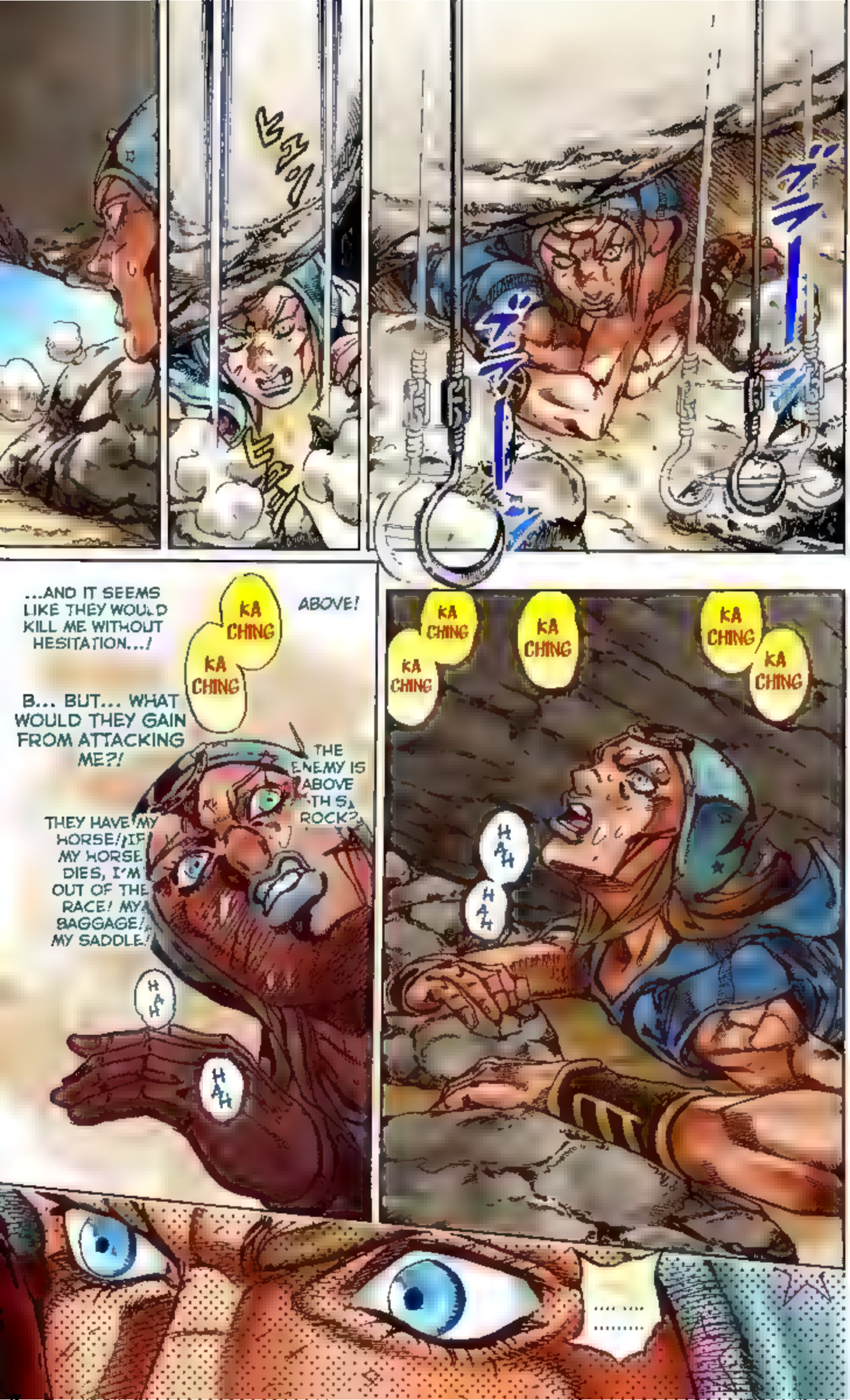
...AND IT SEEMS LIKE THEY WOULD KILL ME WITHOUT HESITATION.../
KA CHING
KA CHING
ABOVE!
B... BUT... WHAT WOULD THEY GAIN FROM ATTACKING ME?!
THE ENEMY IS ABOVE THIS ROCK?
THEY HAVE MY HORSE! IF MY HORSE DIES, I'M OUT OF THE RACE! MY BAGGAGE! MY SADDLE!
HAH
HAH
KA CHING
KA CHING
KA CHING
KA CHING
KA CHING
HAH
HAH

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE GOAL OF THE 'ENEMY'... AT FIRST THEY ATTACKED GYRO, THINKING IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HE HAD WITH HIM...
THEY THEN STOLE HIS LUGGAGE AND HORSE, IN THAT ORDER...! SINCE THEY COULDN'T FIND IT, THEY'RE ATTACKING ME NOW!
THAT 'LEFT HAND' LOOKED LIKE IT WAS MUMMIFIED...! I 'FOUND' IT EVEN BEFORE I TOOK NOTICE OF IT... OR, MORE LIKE... IT CAME TO ME... (IS IT STILL IN MY ARM NOW?)...
IS 'THAT' IT?!
DID THE 'ENEMY' FOLLOW US SEARCHING FOR 'IT'?!
I SAW IT ONLY FOR A SLIGHT MOMENT!... AND IT WENT INTO MY 'LEFT HAND'! I THOUGHT I WAS HALLUCINATING...
SEARCHING
!?
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...THAT... THIS 'ENEMY'...!
...IS 'SEARCHING' FOR SOMETHING...? IS THAT THEIR GOAL...?!
COULD IT BE...?
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THE 'BAGGAGE'... EVEN GYRO'S 'BAGGAGE'... AND HIS 'HORSE'...
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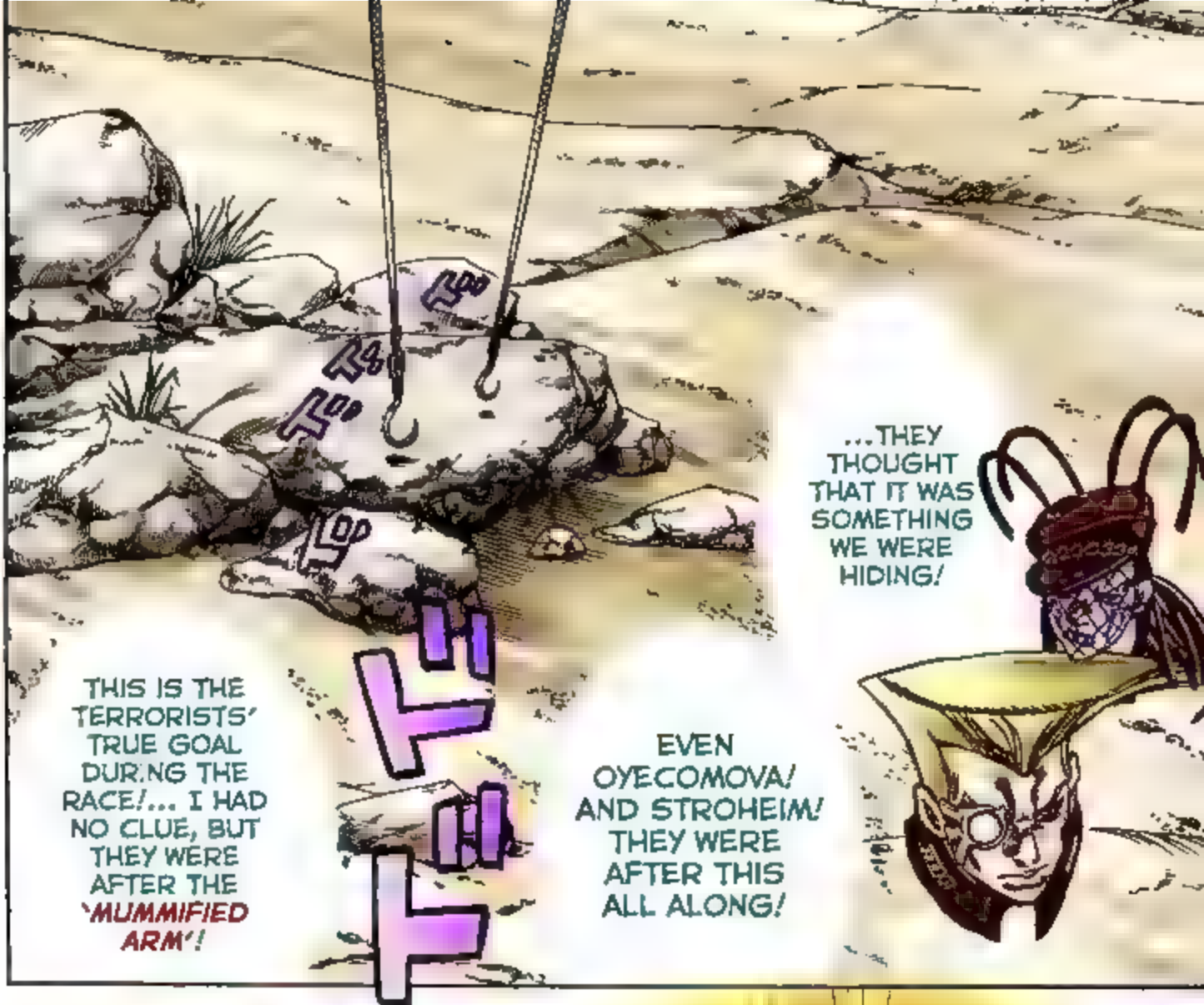
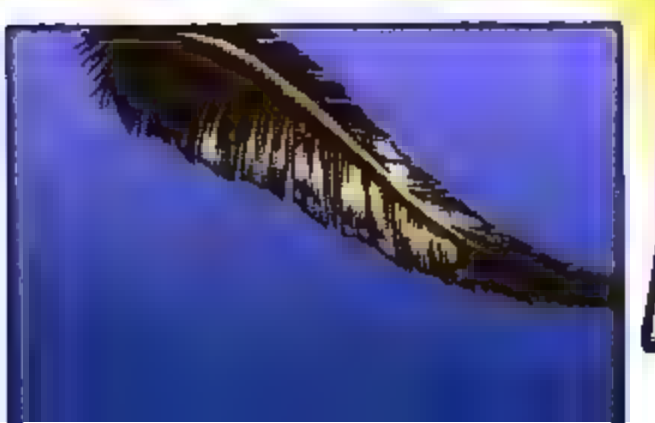
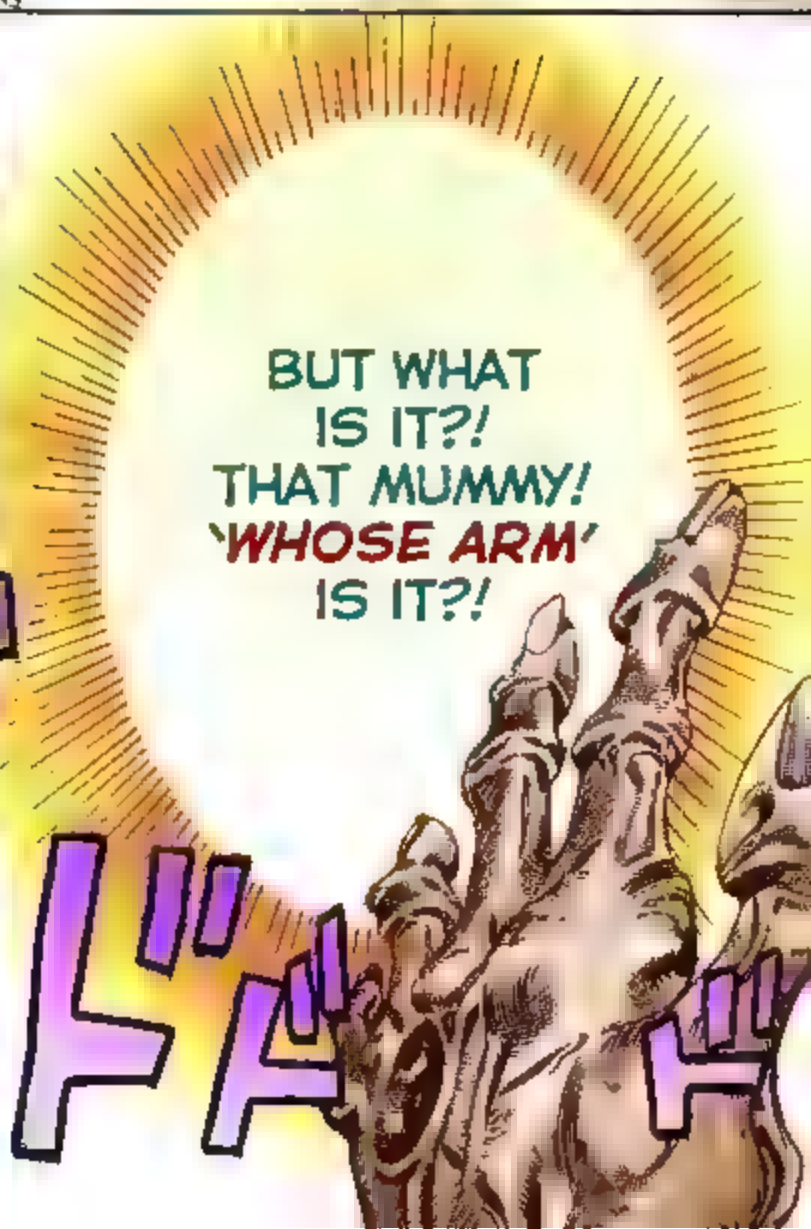
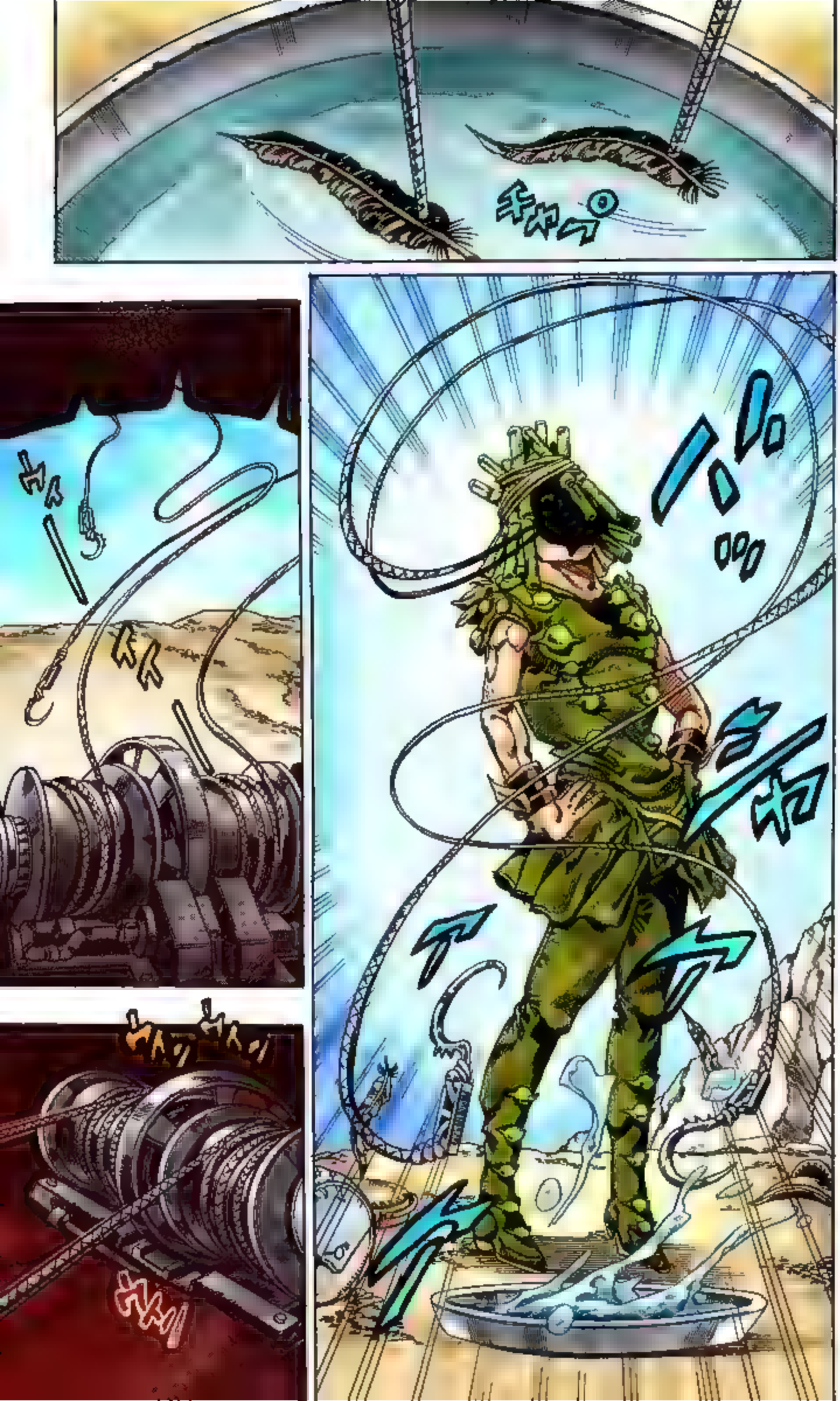

THIS IS THE TERRORISTS' TRUE GOAL DURING THE RACE!... I HAD NO CLUE, BUT THEY WERE AFTER THE 'MUMMIFIED ARM'!
EVEN OYECOMOVA! AND STROHEIM! THEY WERE AFTER THIS ALL ALONG!
...THEY THOUGHT THAT IT WAS SOMETHING WE WERE HIDING!




BUT WHAT IS IT?! THAT MUMMY! 'WHOSE ARM' IS IT?!



GWEEEEE-GACHANG!
GWEEEEE-GACHANG!
PRRRR PRRR PR...
PRRRRR PRRRR PRR...
KA-CHAANG!

HEY!
SHANK
PRRRRR
RRRMZ-
HEY!
CLANK
CLANK
CLUNK
CLUNK

DO
DRIP
DROP
?
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
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....?
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP
GULP
GULP
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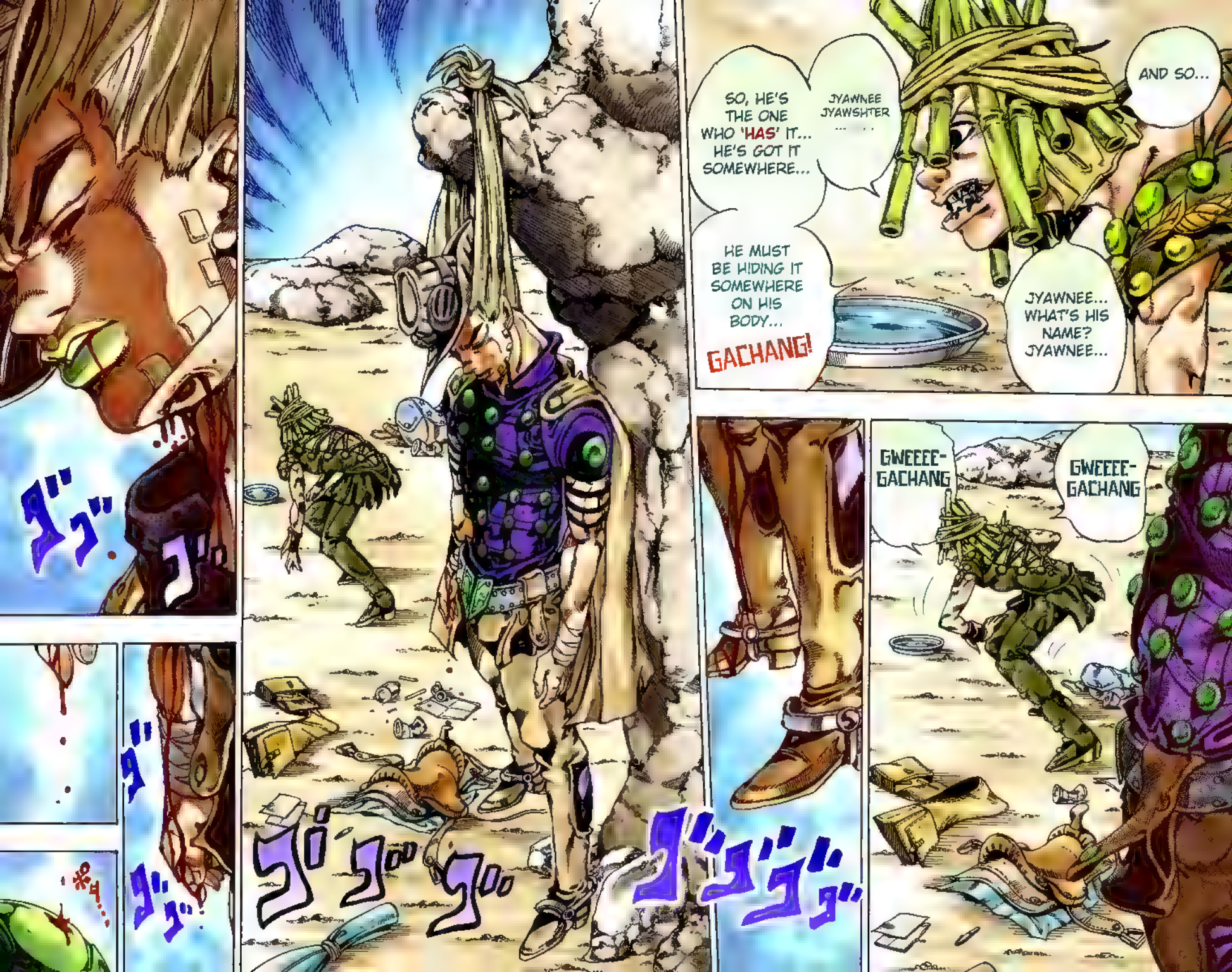
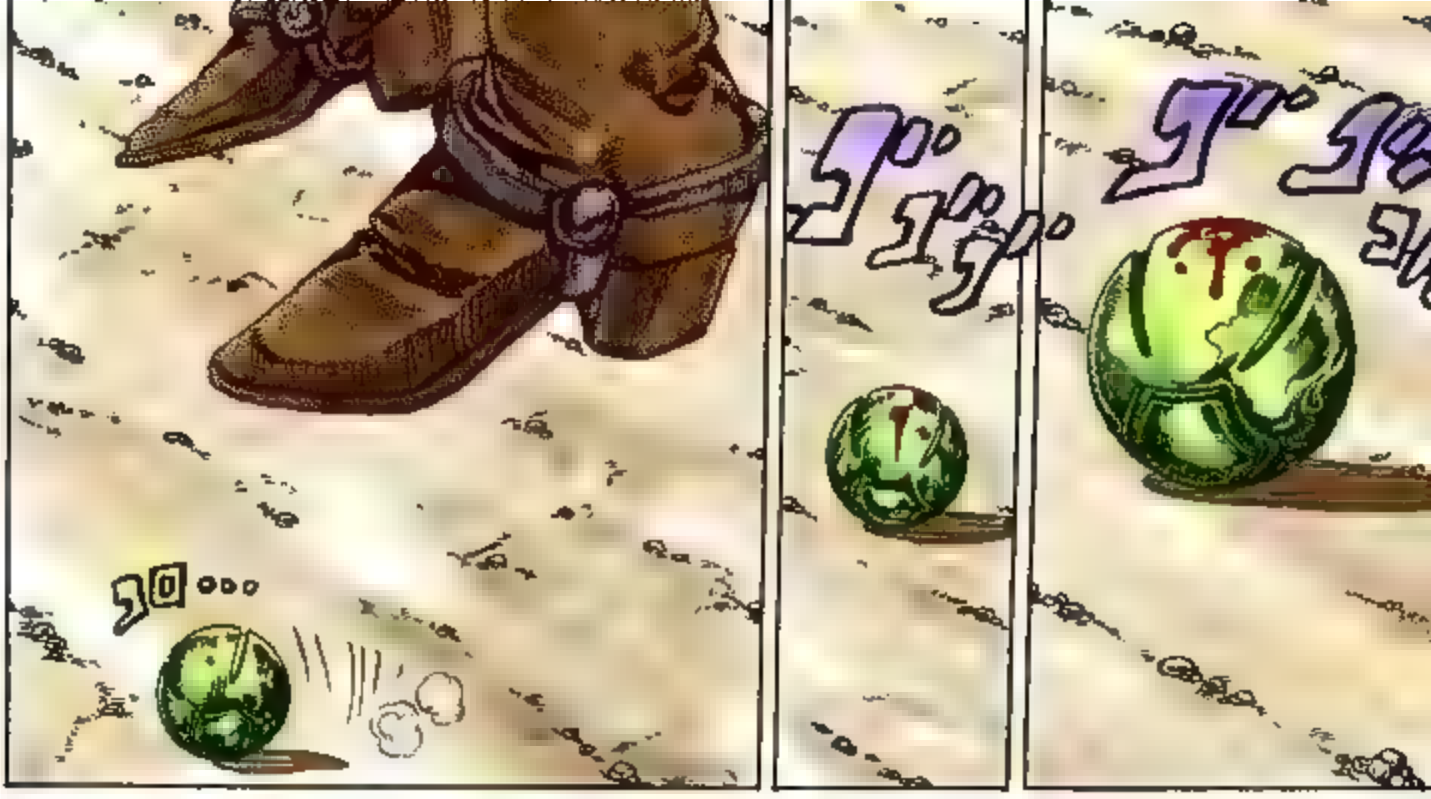
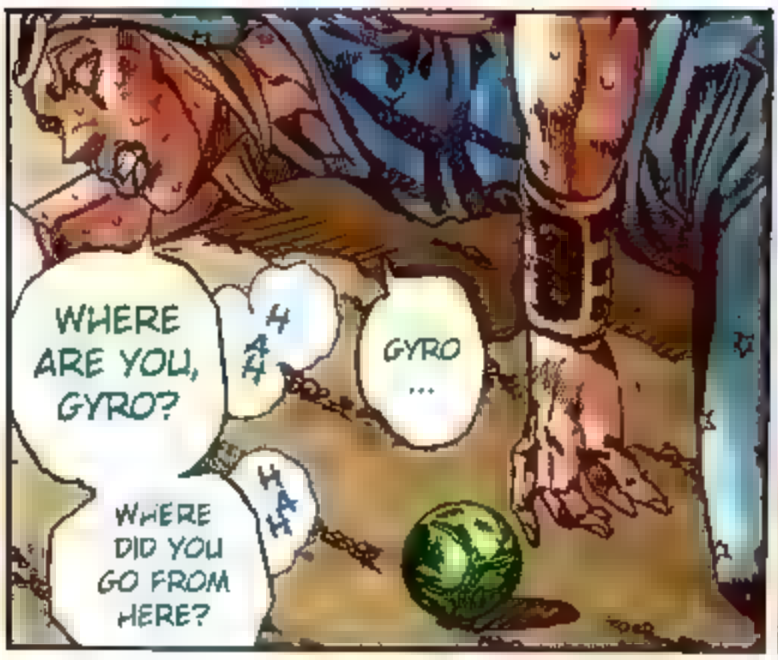
NOT EVEN IN THIS BAG!
GACHANG
BUT I DON'T SEE IT!
GACHANG
GOOD STUUUFF!


AND SO...
JYAWNEE JYAWSHTER
SO, HE'S THE ONE WHO 'HAS' IT... HE'S GOT IT SOMEWHERE...
HE MUST BE HIDING IT SOMEWHERE ON HIS BODY...
GACHANG!
JYAWNEE... WHAT'S HIS NAME? JYAWNEE...
GWEEEE-GACHANG
GWEEEE-GACHANG




WHERE ARE YOU, GYRO?
HA HA
GYRO ...
WHERE DID YOU GO FROM HERE?
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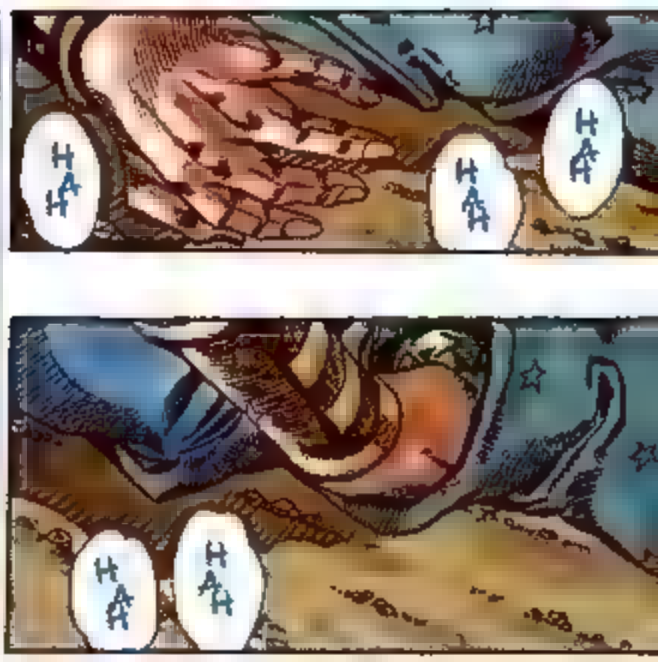
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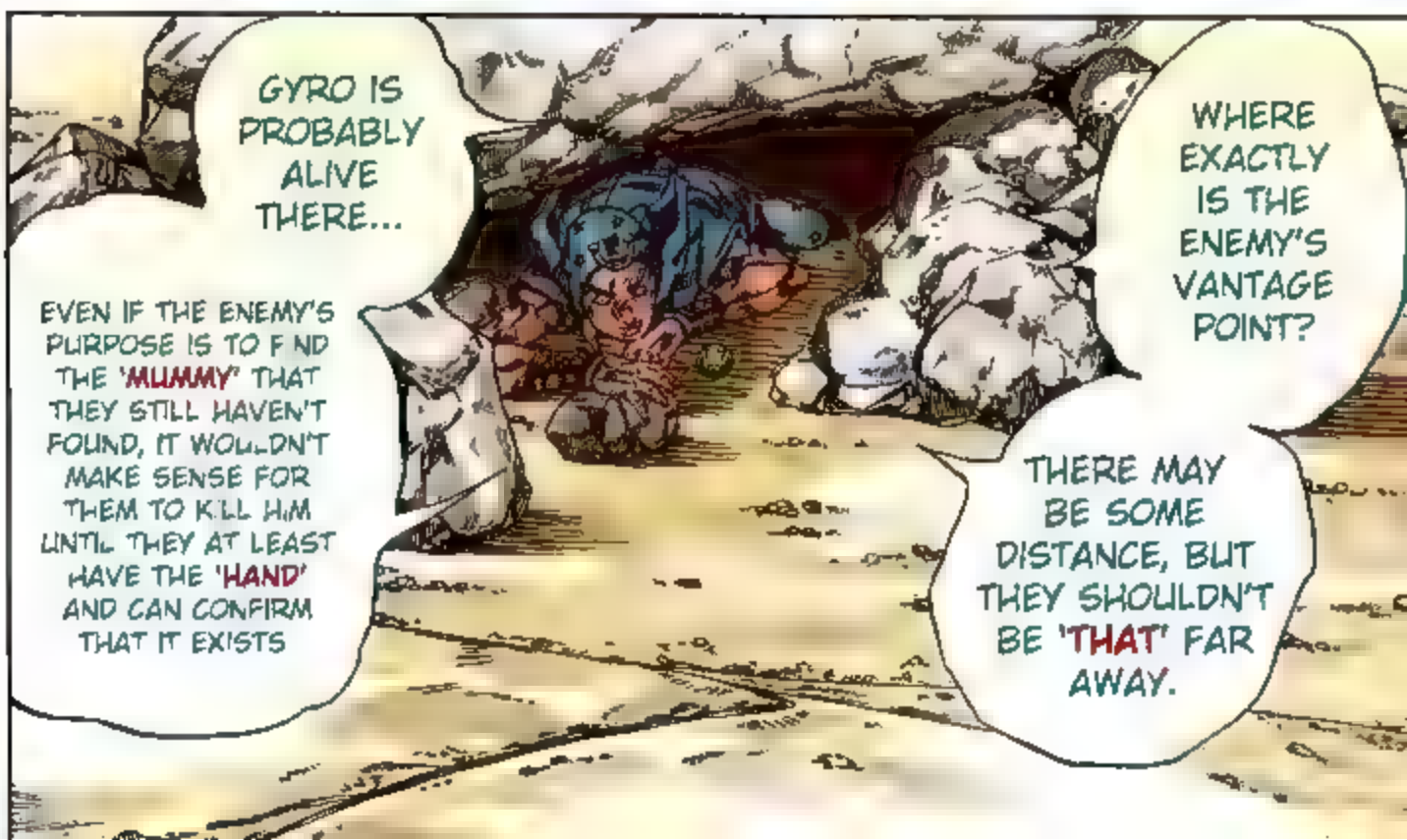
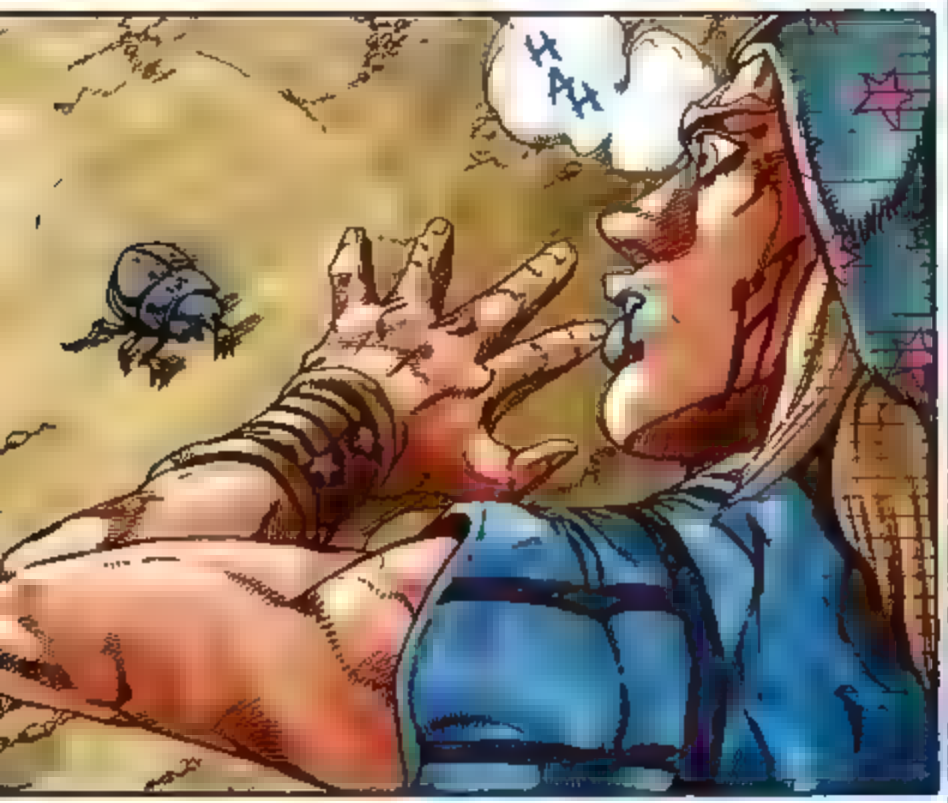

GYRO IS PROBABLY ALIVE THERE...
EVEN IF THE ENEMY'S PURPOSE IS TO FIND THE 'MUMMY' THAT THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND, IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE FOR THEM TO KILL HIM UNTIL THEY AT LEAST HAVE THE 'HAND' AND CAN CONFIRM THAT IT EXISTS
WHERE EXACTLY IS THE ENEMY'S VANTAGE POINT?
THERE MAY BE SOME DISTANCE, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE 'THAT' FAR AWAY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS... HELP ME, GYRO...
HAH HAH
HAH
BUT NOW, IF I STEP OUT OF THE ROCK SHELF... I'LL BE KILLED...
I ONLY WANTED TO WIN THIS RACE... I ONLY WANTED TO KNOW THE SECRET OF YOUR 'STEEL BALLS'...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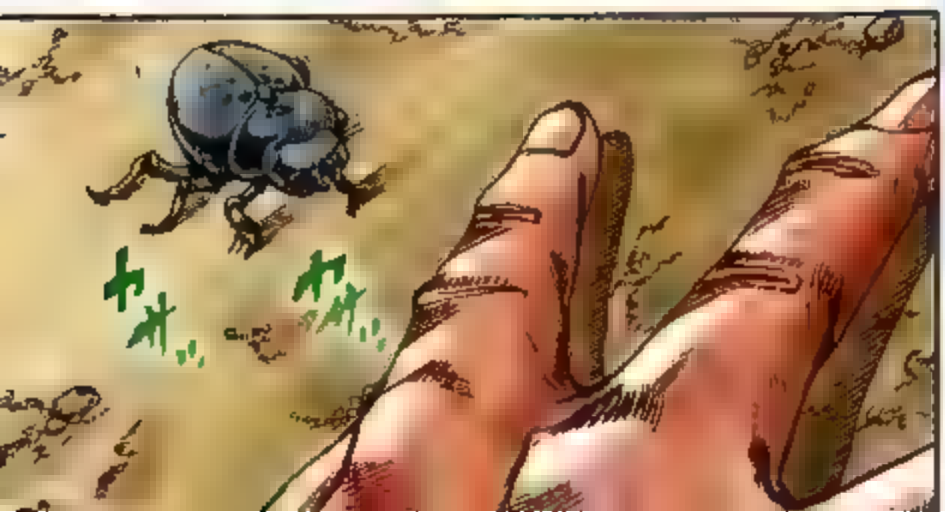
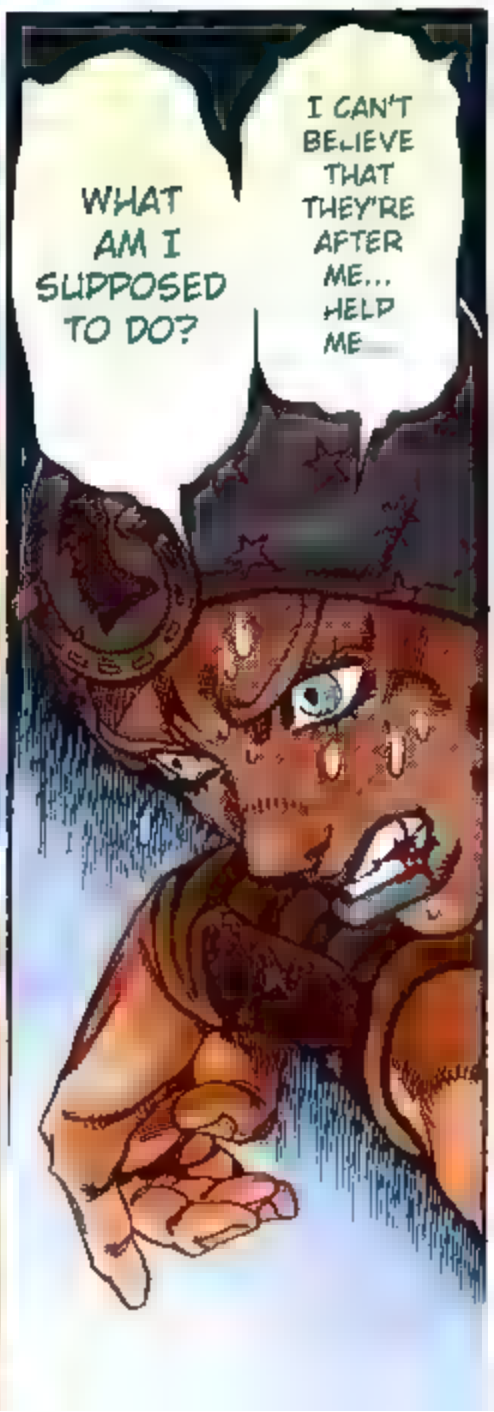



WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE AFTER ME... HELP ME

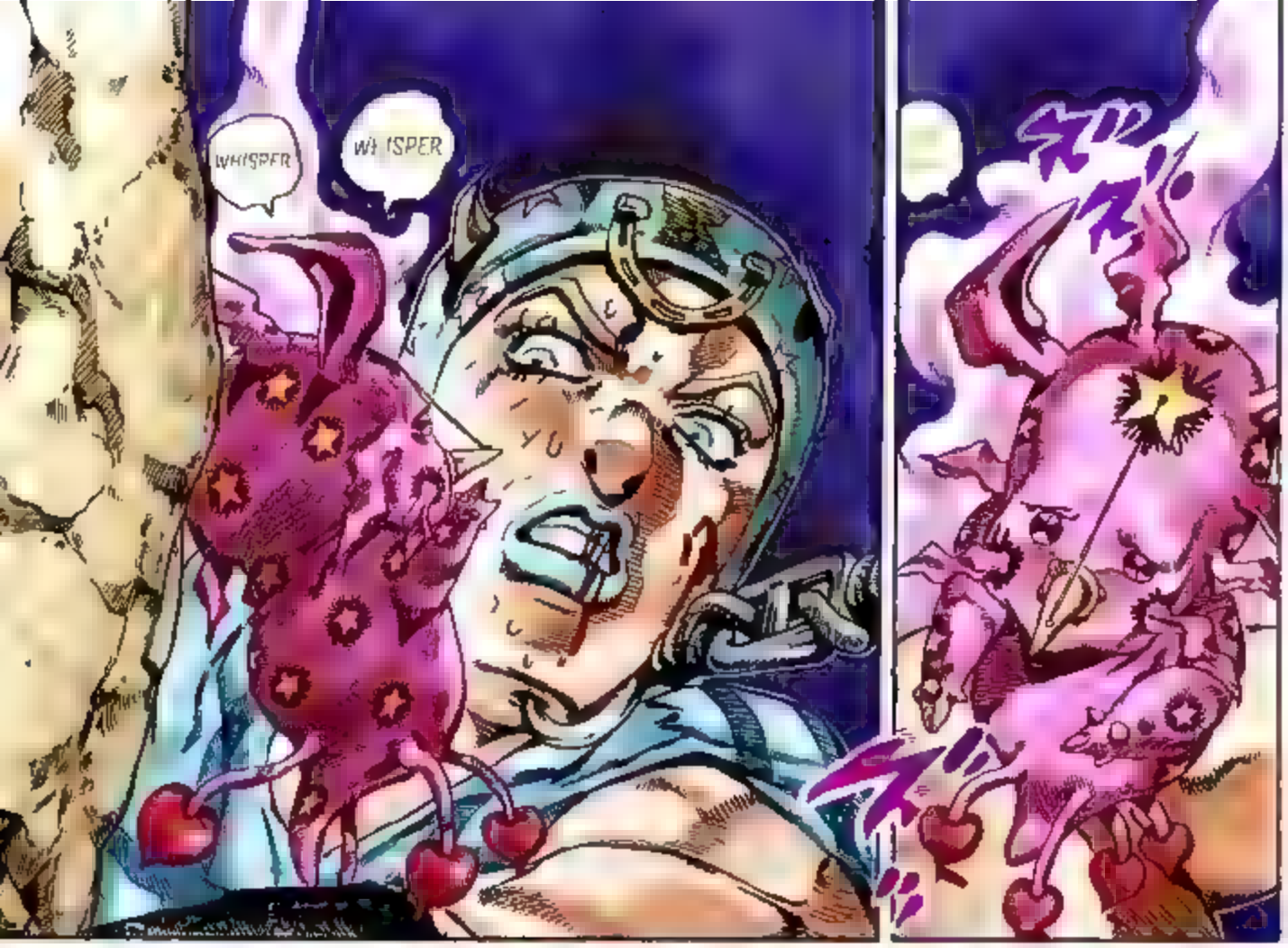
FOR ANOTHER TIME
YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE RESER-VATIONS.
THIS SPOT'S TAKEN...
HUH?
AAAAAA!

UWOO!
WHAAT!
TH... THE HOOKS AREN'T ONLY FROM THE 'FEATHERS' ...
THIS... THIS ABILITY... 'BAIT'!!
IT'S A 'LURE'!
E... EVEN LIVING INSECTS ...!

AAH!
UWO!
I... I NEED TO REMOVE THIS HOOK! QUICK!
IT'S PULLING ME OUT! AS SOON AS I'M DRAGGED OUT FROM THIS ROCK, I'M DONE FOR!

YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
AAH"
BGWOH!
IT
IT'S OVER
UGWAA'
WAAA

I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE! I'LL BE PULLED OUT, AND AS SOON AS THEY SEE THAT I HAVE THE 'MUMMIFIED HAND', THEY'LL KILL ME!
TH... THEN FINE...
I'LL...
DRAG IT OUT...
IF YOU WANT IT SO BAD, I'LL GLADLY HAND IT OVER...!
IT'S NOT LIKE I GOT THIS BECAUSE I WANTED IT! THIS BIZARRE 'MUMMIFIED HAND'!
I DON'T NEED IT! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, SO JUST TAKE IT!


WHISPER
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WHAT?
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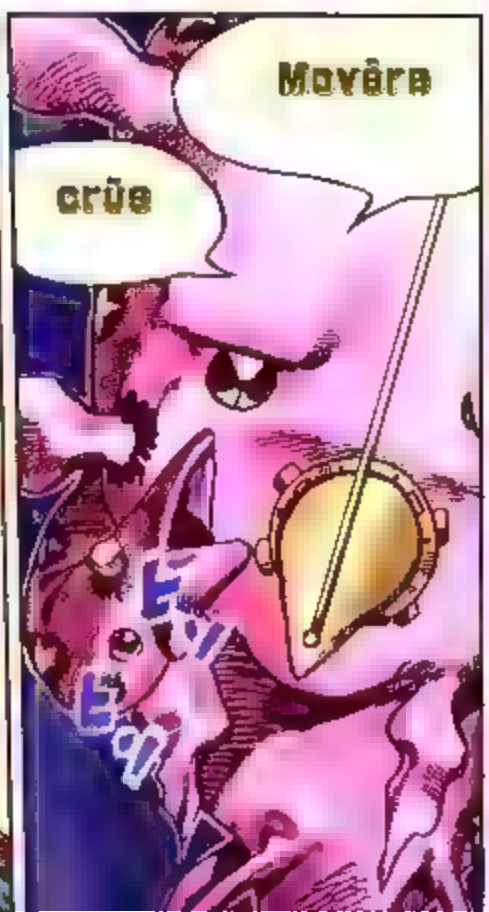
OUT OF THE .. MUMMY HAND.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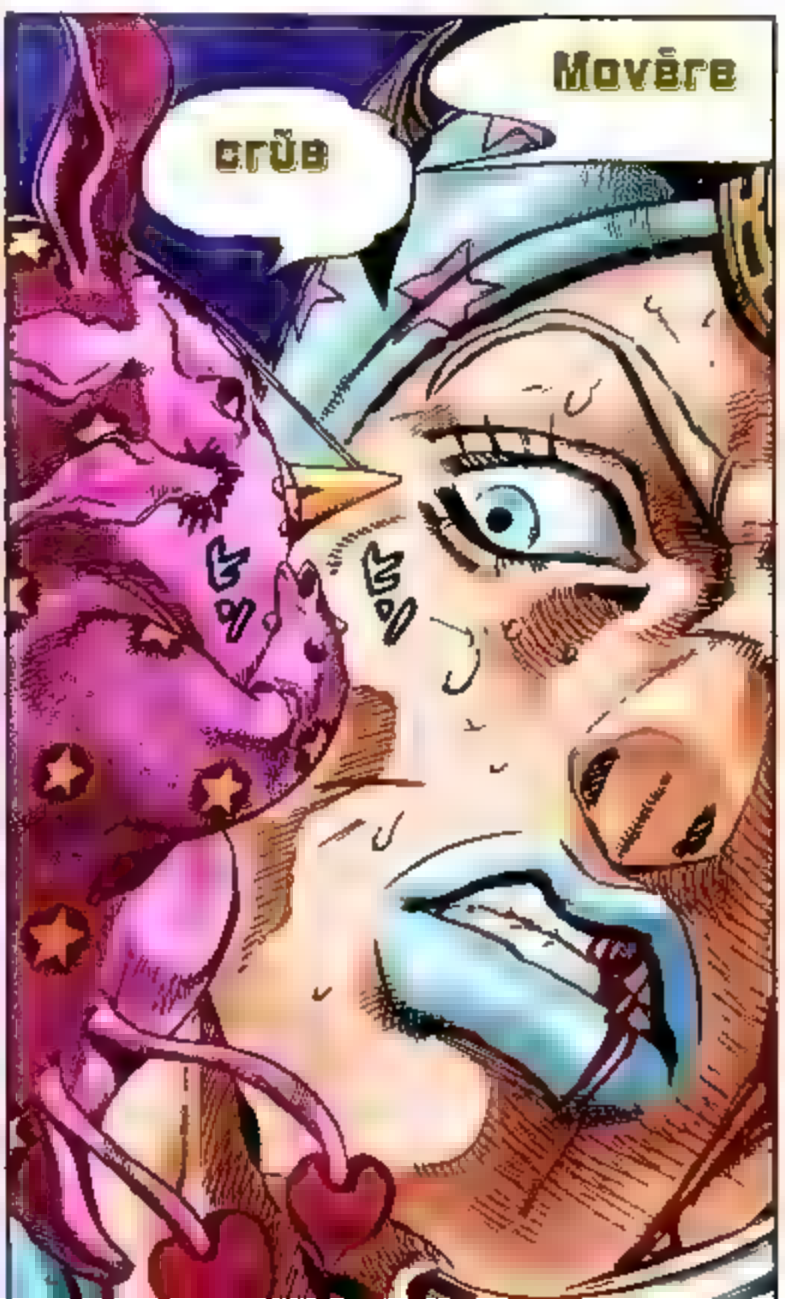
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HEY! WHAT IS THIS THING?!
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Mavèra

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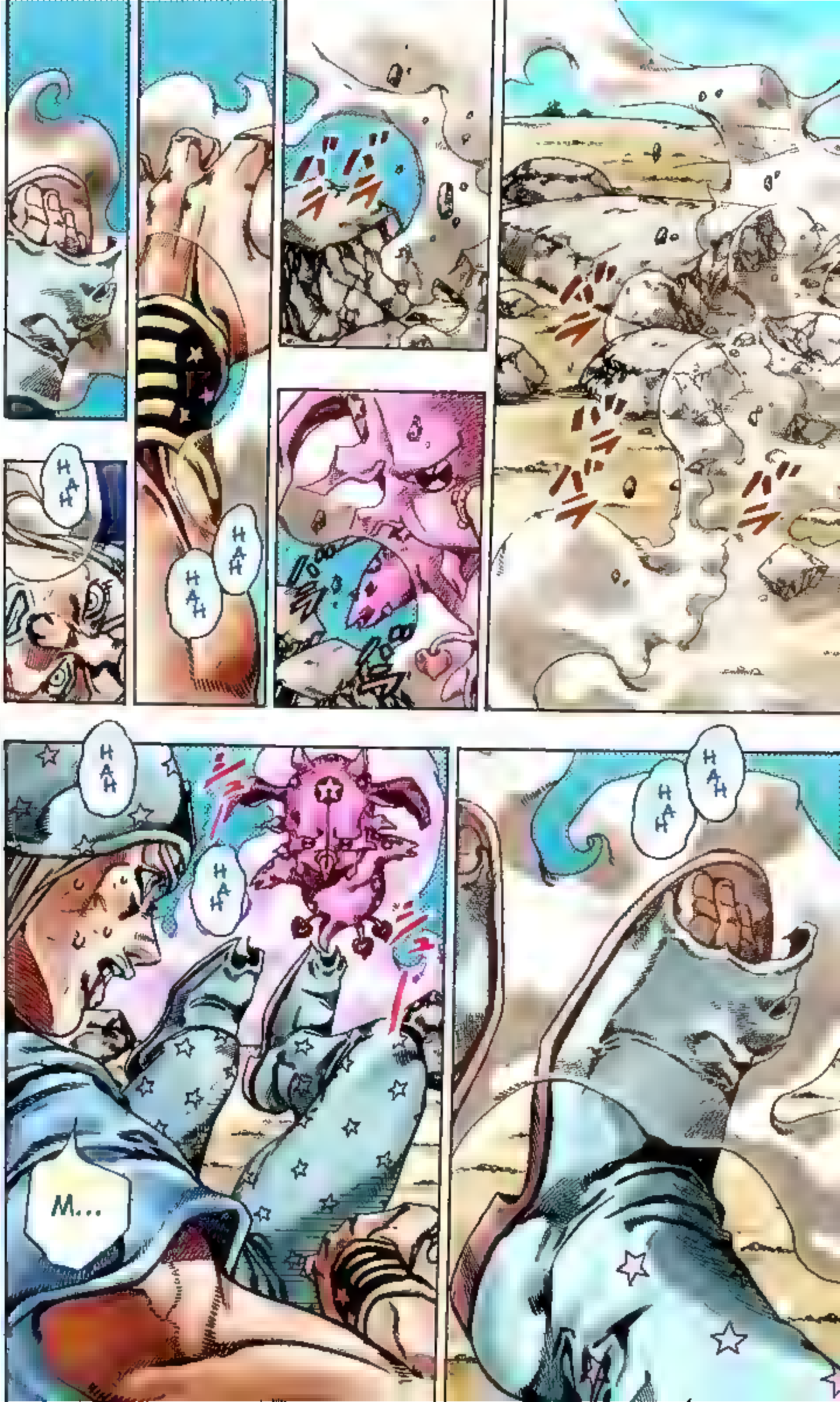
UGEH!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M...

MY NAILS JUST SHOT OUT FROM MY LAME FEEEEEEEET!
MY...
NAILS...
THEY SHOT OUT .. 'THIS POWER' ..! FROM THESE LAME FEET!
THIS 'THING' !
DID 'IT' DO IT ?! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? DID IT JUST SAVE ME FROM MY SITU-ATION?!
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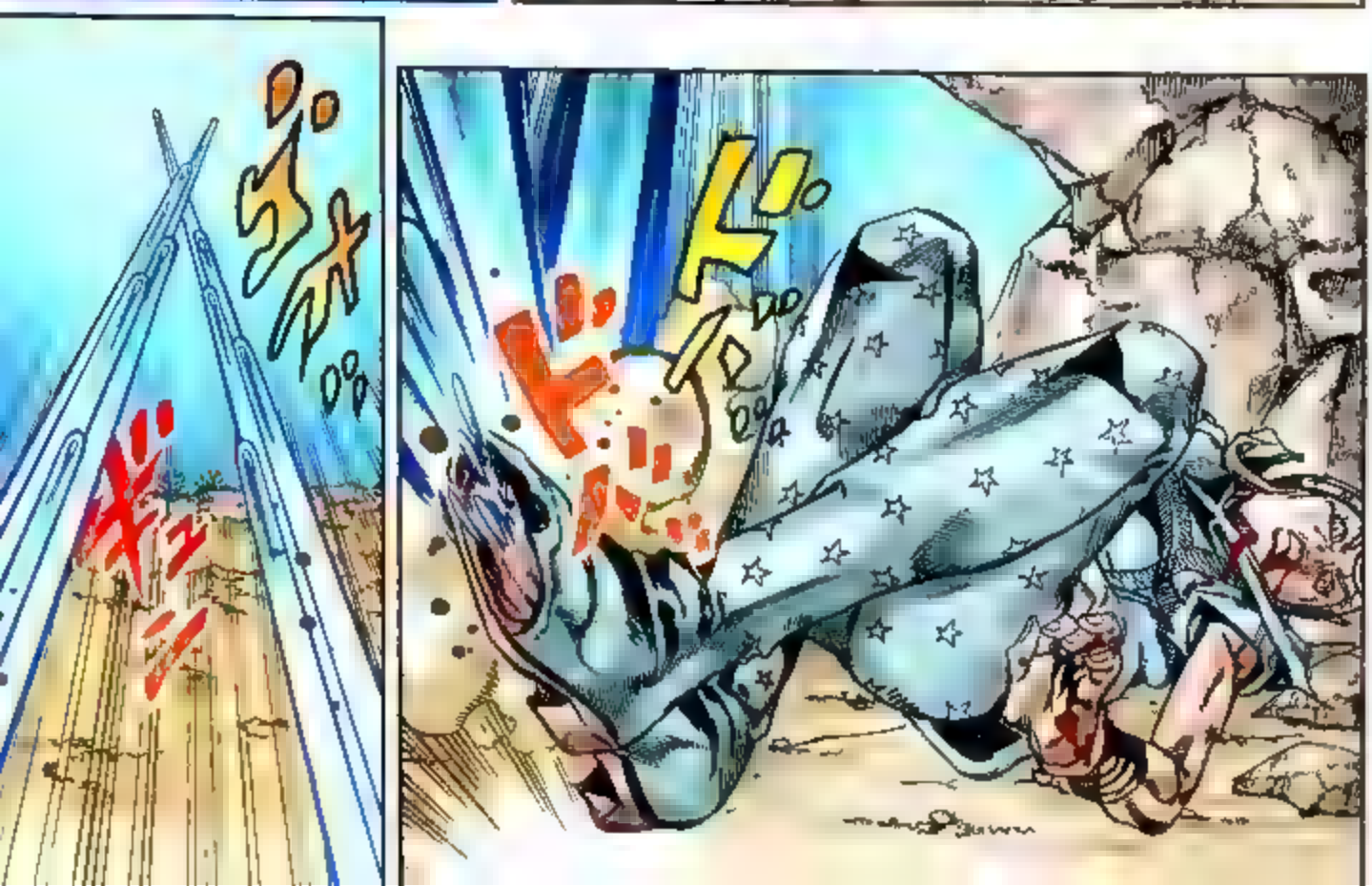
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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?!
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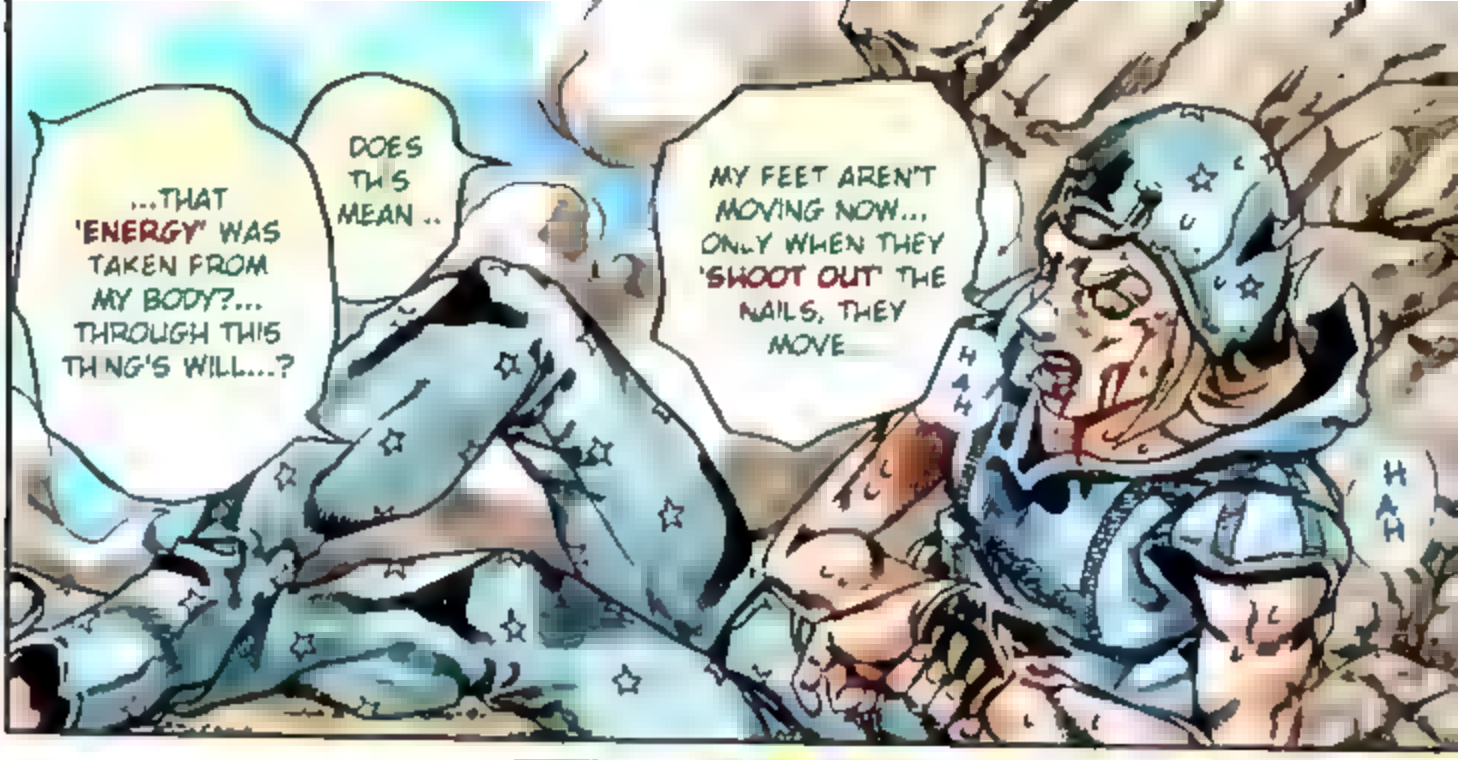
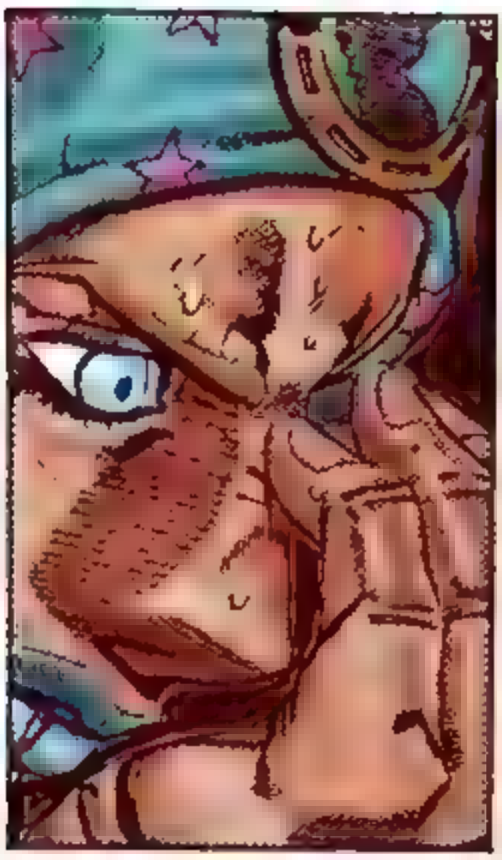
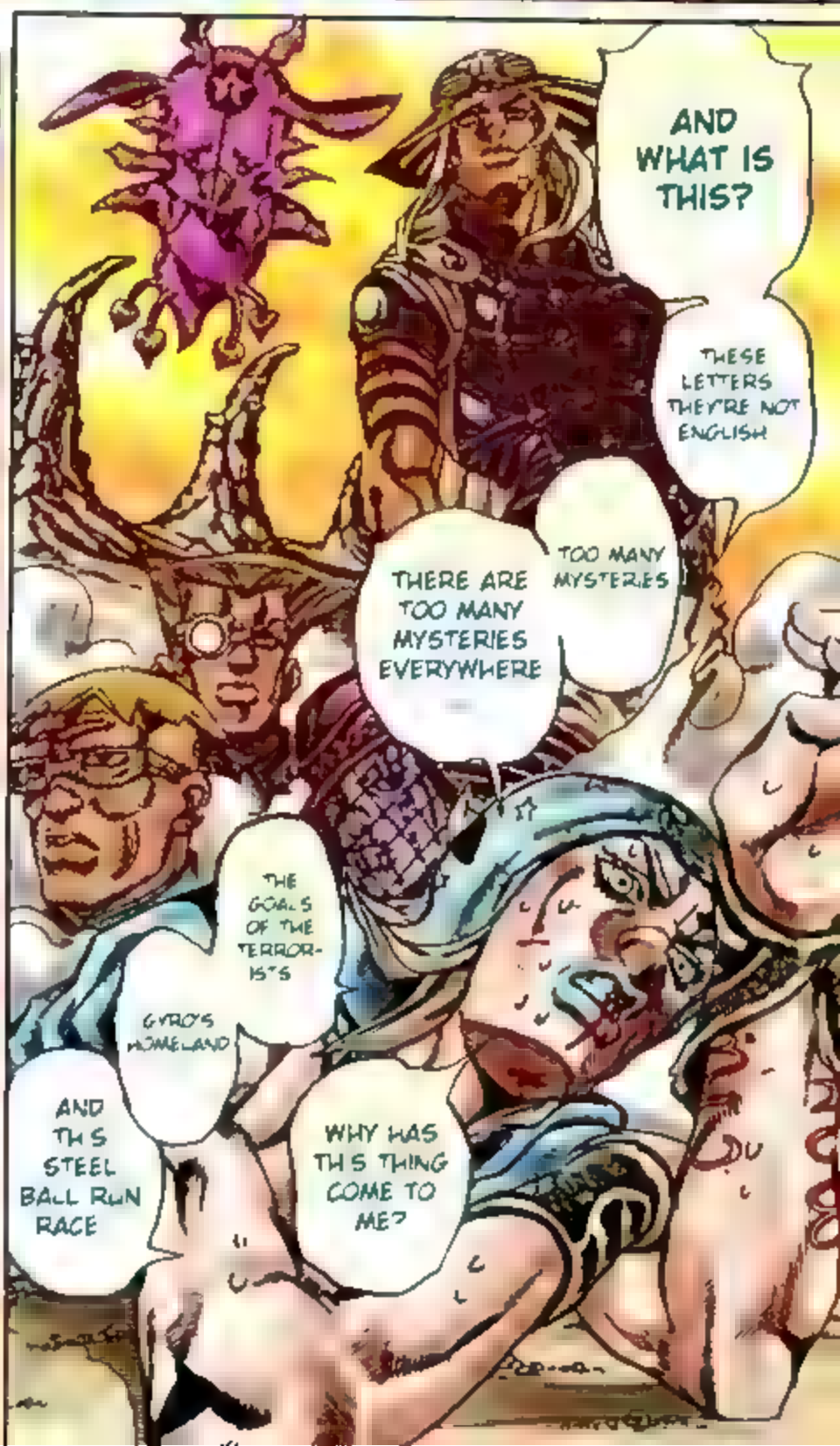
erüa
CHYUMI...
CHYUM!!!
!!!!!!

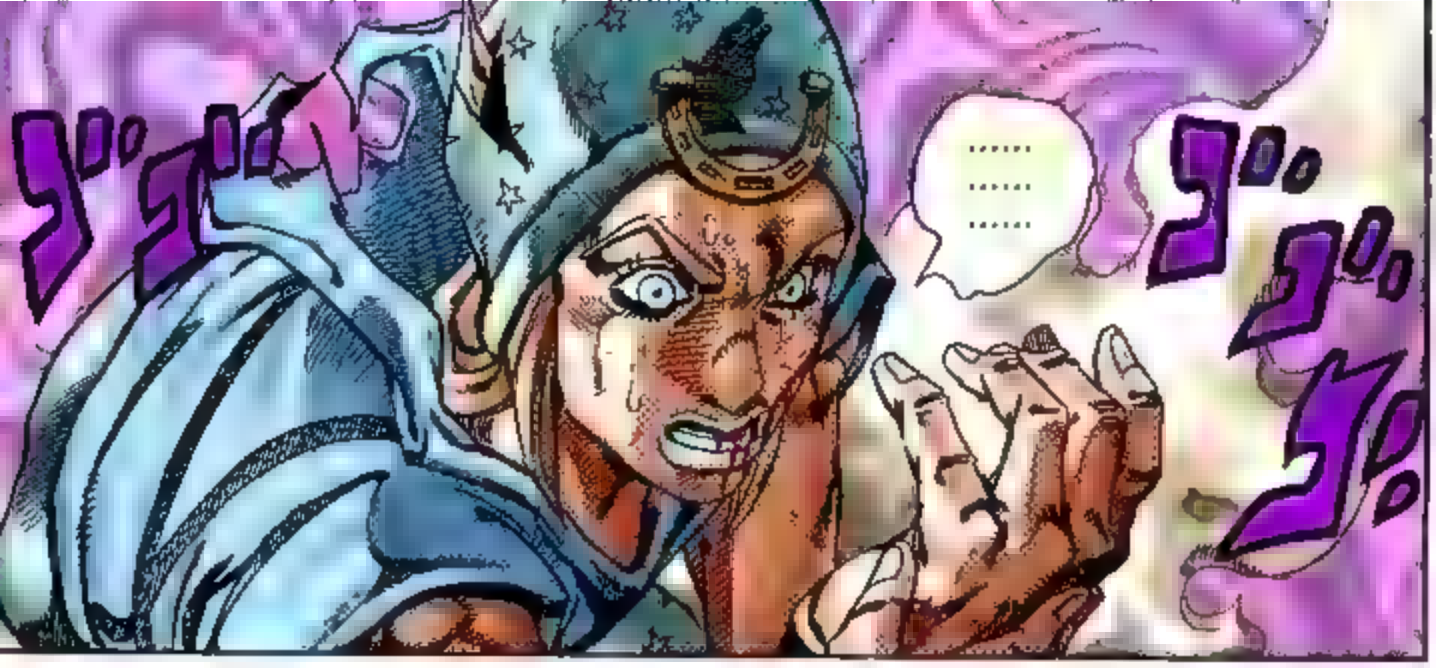
JUST NOW! IT HAS A WILL! THIS MUMMIFIED LEFT HAND HAS A CLEAR WILL OF ITS OWN!
IT JUST WROTE SOMETHING!! ...AND WENT BACK INTO MY 'LEFT HAND'!
HUH?!
HOLD IT


...THAT 'ENERGY' WAS TAKEN FROM MY BODY?... THROUGH THIS THING'S WILL...?
DOES THIS MEAN ..
MY FEET AREN'T MOVING NOW... ONLY WHEN THEY 'SHOOT OUT' THE NAILS, THEY MOVE
HAH
HAH



'STEEL BALL RUN RACE'.


AND WHAT IS THIS?
THESE LETTERS THEY'RE NOT ENGLISH
TOO MANY MYSTERIES
THERE ARE TOO MANY MYSTERIES EVERYWHERE
THE GOALS OF THE TERRORISTS
GYRO'S HOMELAND
AND THIS STEEL BALL RUN RACE
WHY HAS THIS THING COME TO ME?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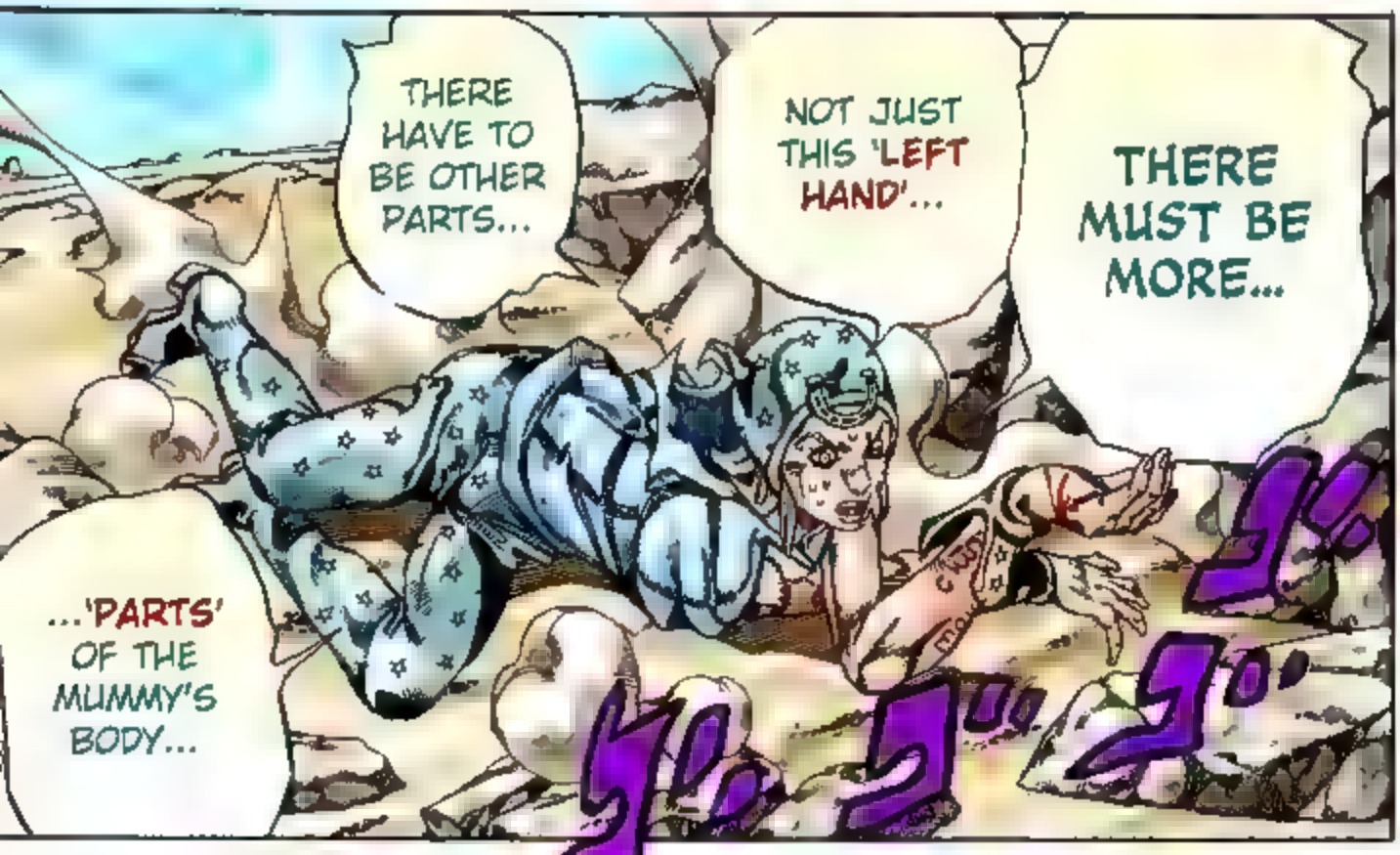
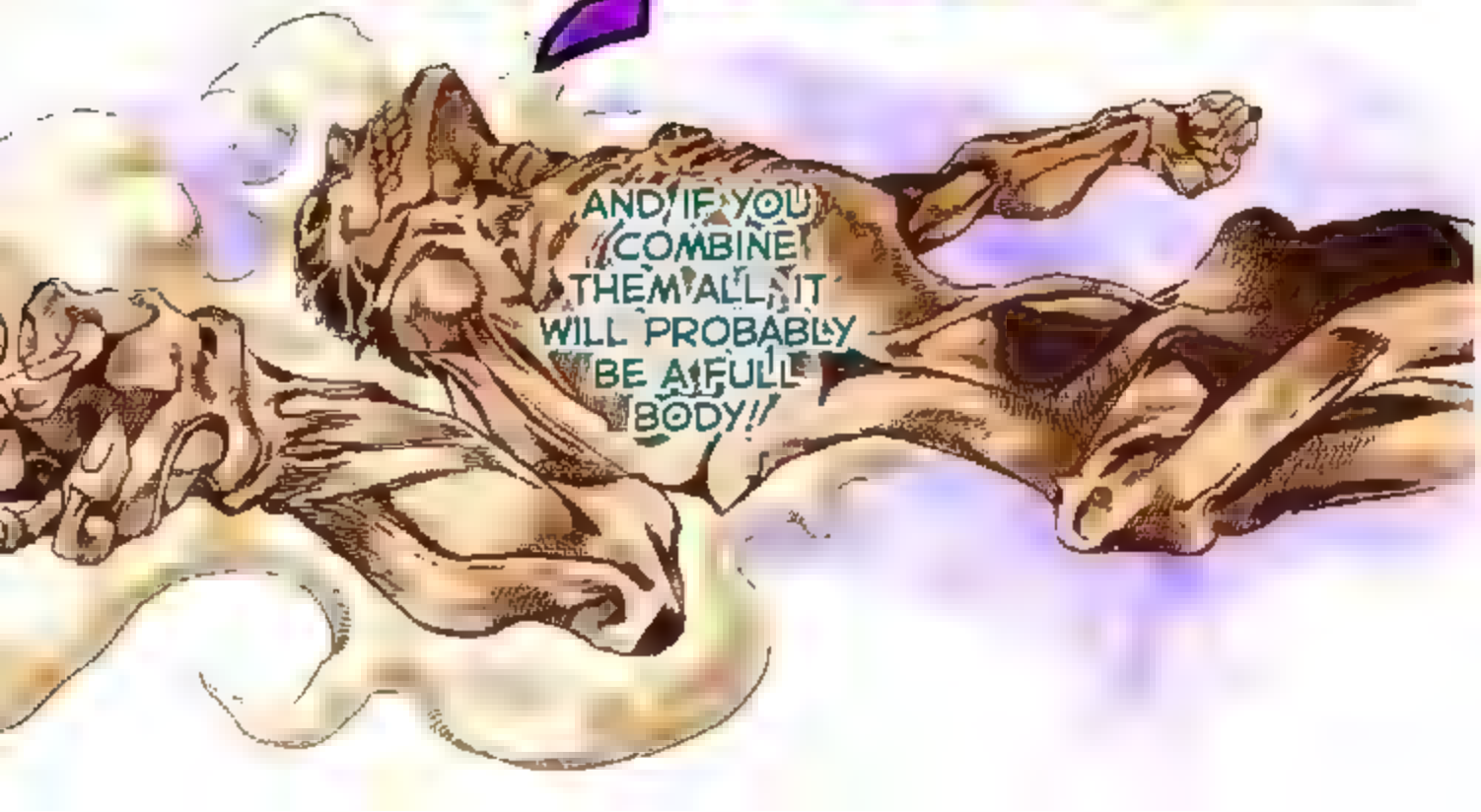

THERE HAVE TO BE OTHER PARTS...
NOT JUST THIS 'LEFT HAND'...
THERE MUST BE MORE...
...'PARTS' OF THE MUMMY'S BODY...


AND IF YOU COMBINE THEM ALL, IT WILL PROBABLY BE A FULL BODY!!

ON THE SURFACE, IT'S JUST A SPORT! BUT THE 'STEEL BALL RUN' IS ACTUALLY A CONSPIRACY TO COLLECT ALL OF THESE BODY PARTS!
THIS CORPSE OF 'SOMEBODY' HAS BEEN SCATTERED ACROSS THE LAND!
THEY'RE TRYING TO FIND THEM AND COMBINE THEM TOGETHER!
THAT'S THE GOAL OF THE TERRORISTS!
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THESE 'POWER' POSSESSING CORPSE PARTS... WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY ALL CAME TOGETHER?
DID GYRO KNOW ABOUT THESE 'CORPSES'? DID HE JOIN THE RACE WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE?

THAT'S GYRO'S SECOND 'STEEL BALL'...
A 'STEEL BALL'...
DYAMMIT'
KKH'
W...
ONE...
TWO...
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BUT NOW I KNOW WHERE HE'S HIDING IT...
IT'S IN HIS 'LEFT HAND'!
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF IT FROM ABOVE! HE DIDN'T FIND IT; IT POSSESSED HIM!
THE 'CORPSE' IS IN JYAWNEE JYAWSHTER'S ARM!
THREE OF MY TEETH ARE BROKEN!
THREE OF 'EM!
PRRRRRR GACHANG!
SHIT I DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD THAT KIND OF 'POWER'... THAT...
WHAT'S HIS NAME? JYAWNEE JYAWSHTERR
I WONDER IF TEETH TASTE GOOD? I BET YOU CAN'T EAT 'EM.
NOW I HAVE TO SWIPE IT FROM HIM! AFTER I KILL HIM, THOUGH!
AND SO!
I'VE FINISHED 'LOOKING' FOR IT!

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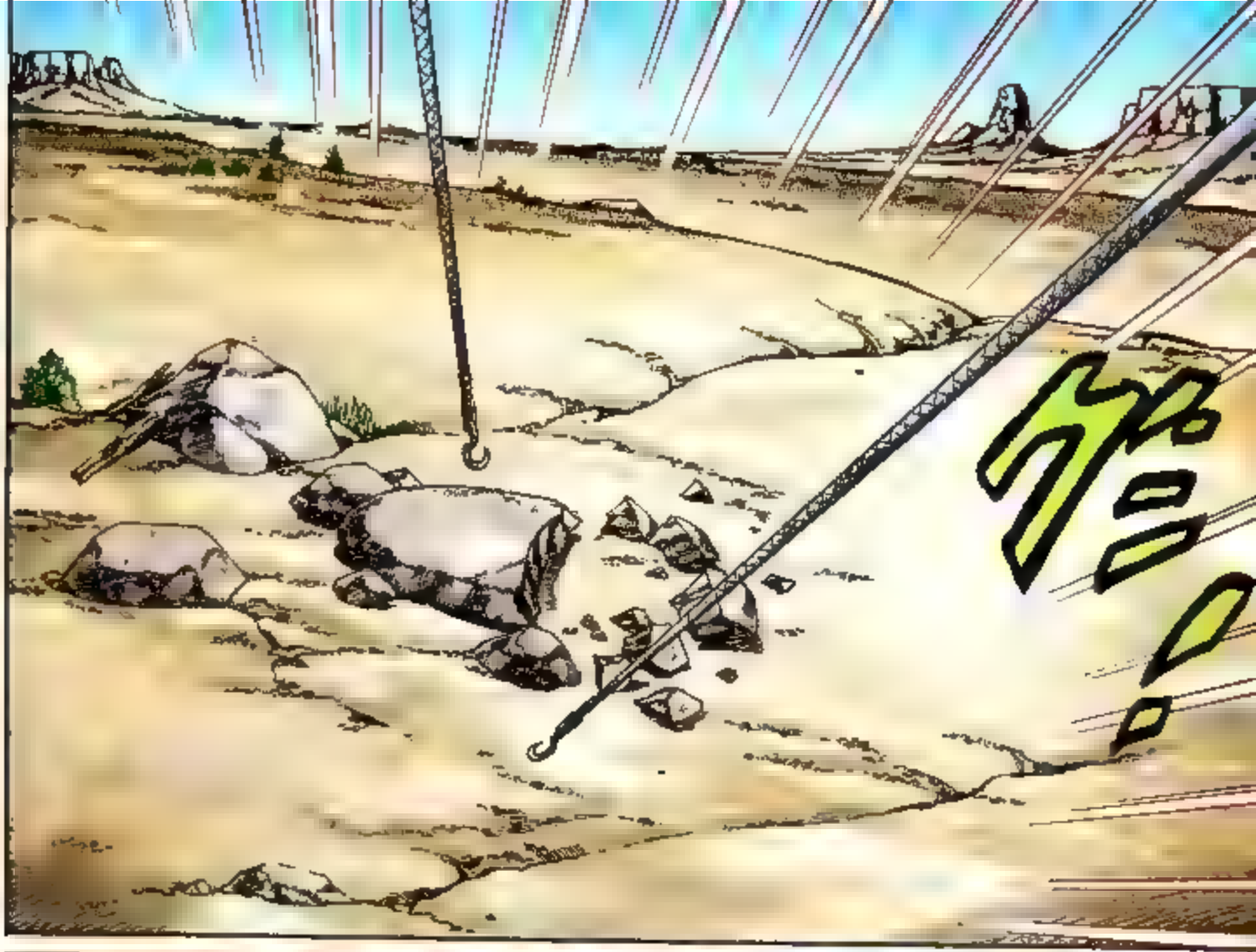
HEY, HUN?
THAT CREEP... WHERE IS HE? THAT'S .. WEIRD...
HE'S NOT AT THE ROCK!
HE'S GOOONE!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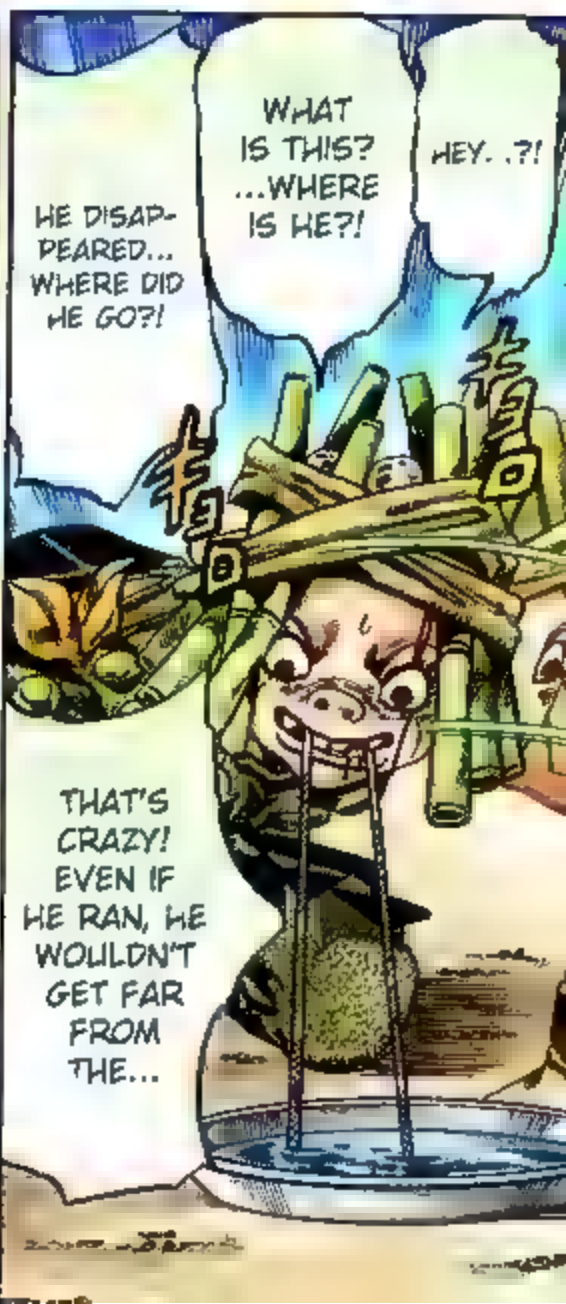
HE DISAP-
PEARED...
WHERE DID
HE GO?!
WHAT
IS THIS?
...WHERE
IS HE?!
HEY..?!
THAT'S
CRAZY!
EVEN IF
HE RAN, HE
WOULDN'T
GET FAR
FROM
THE...

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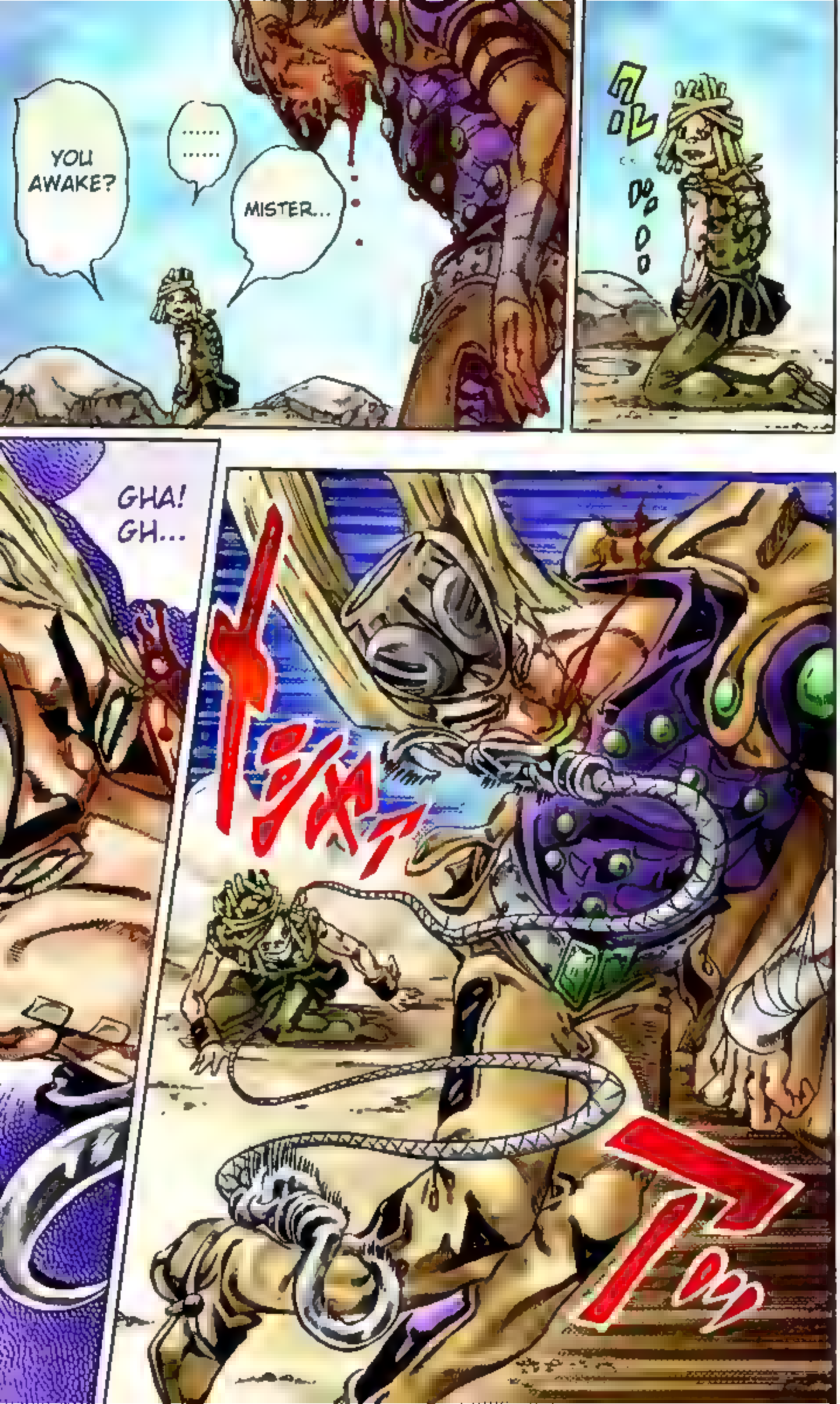
YOU AWAKE?
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MISTER...
GHA! GH...
KRAK
ZAP

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TOL
OL
YOU THREW YOUR 'STEEL BALL' INTO MY PLATE DURING ALL THE EXCITEMENT, HUH?
YOU USED YOUR LEGS?
GWEEEEE GACHANG!
THESE GUYS ARE TOO FUN!!
BUT HEY, THIS IS FUN!
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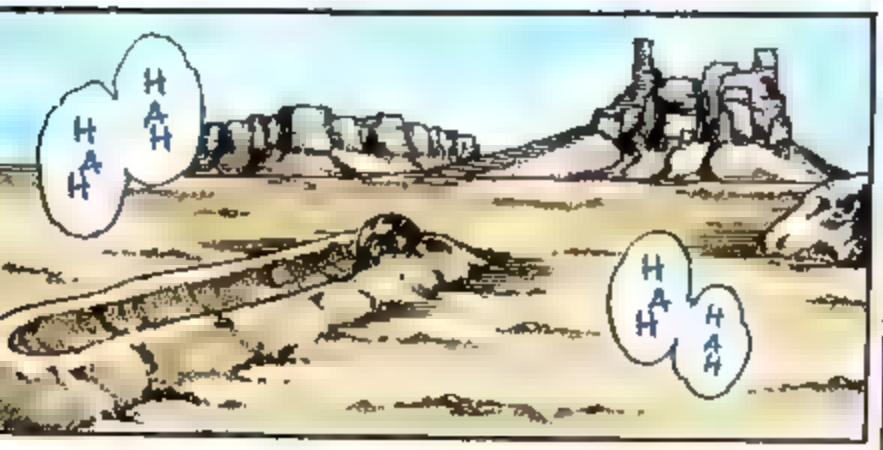
THAT YOU TOLD JYOSHTER TO RUN IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!
OR ELSE...
THE SPIN OF THE 'STEEL BALL'... THERE'S TWO WAYS TO THINK OF IT...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JUST ONE THING ...
...IS CLEAR ...
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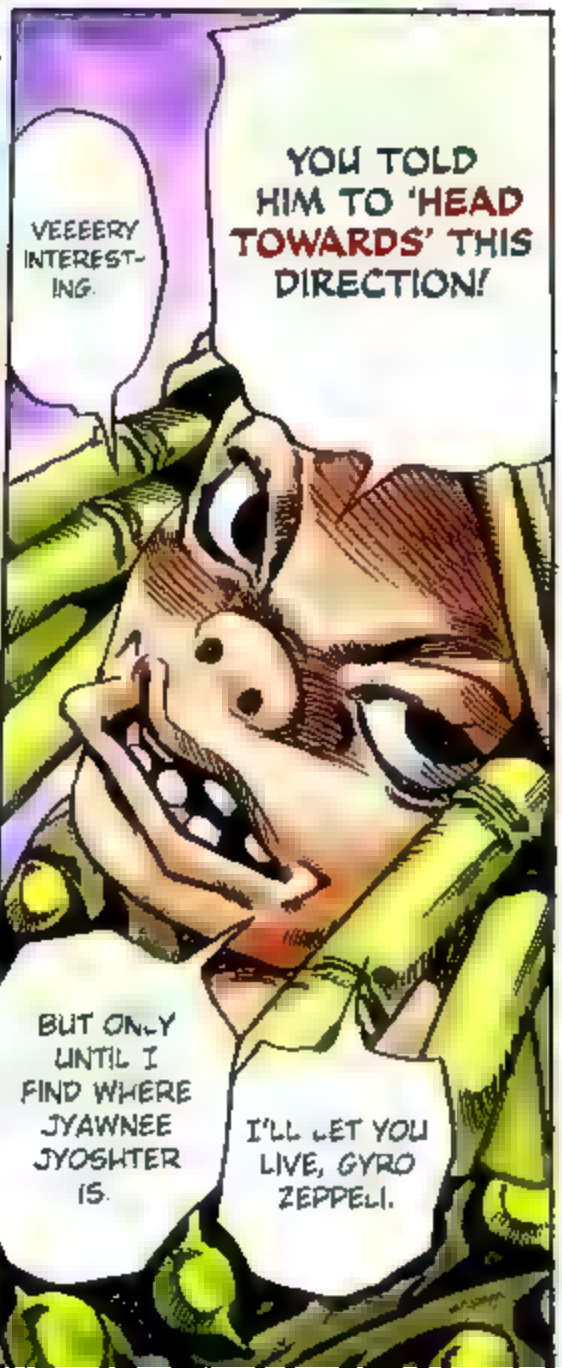
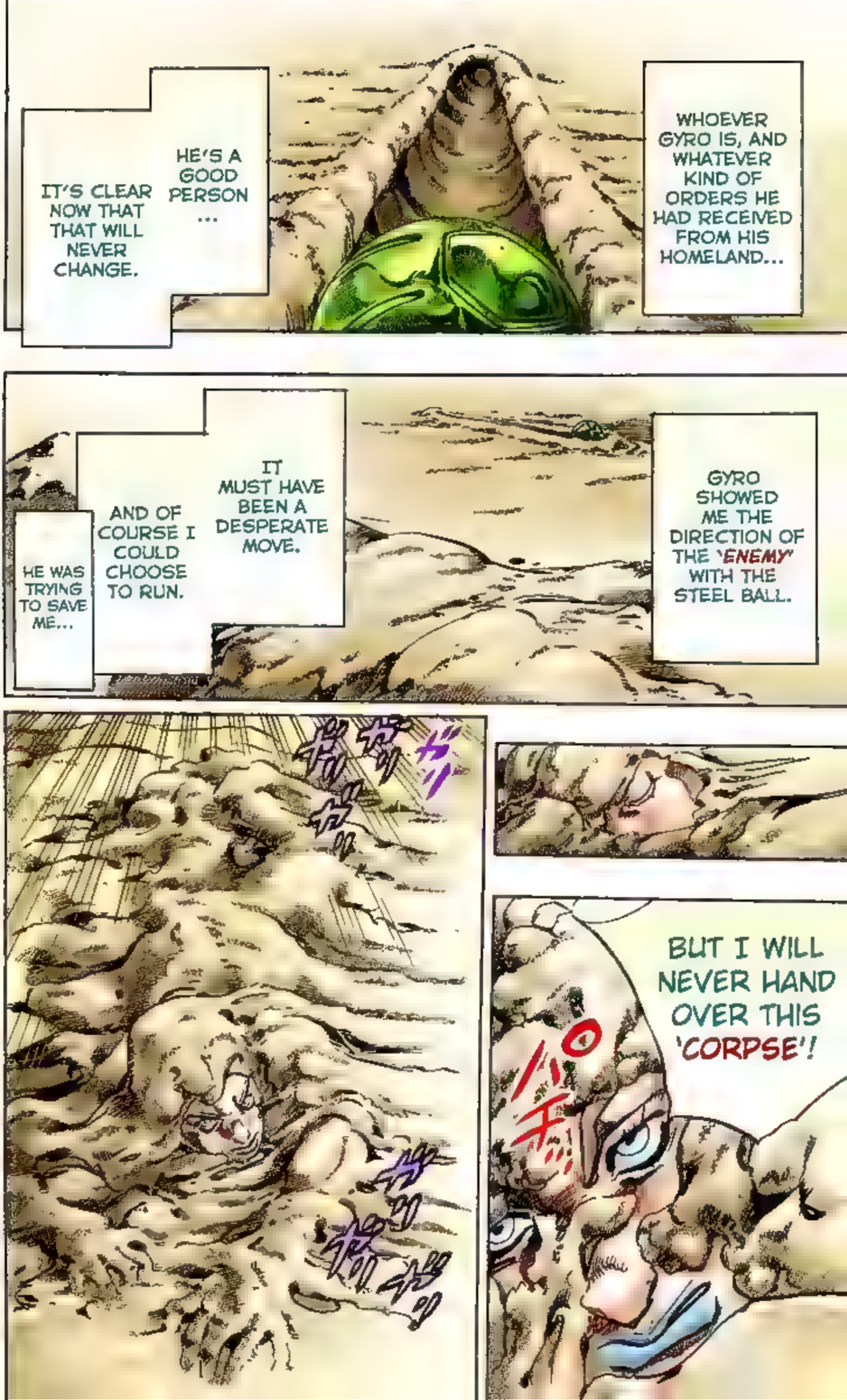
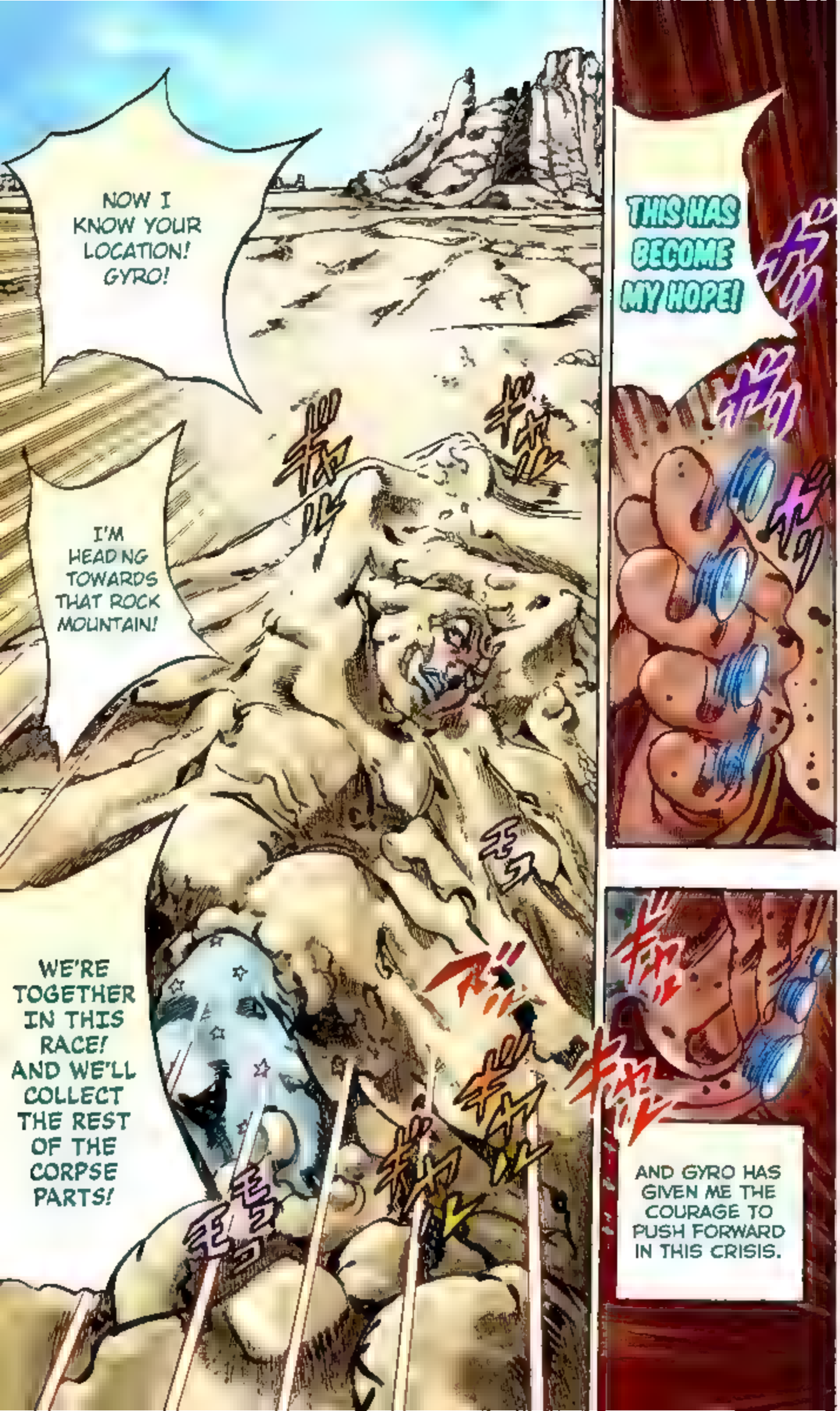
ONE THING ...


VEEEERY INTEREST-ING.
YOU TOLD HIM TO 'HEAD TOWARDS' THIS DIRECTION!
BUT ONLY UNTIL I FIND WHERE JYAWNEE JYOSHTER IS.
I'LL LET YOU LIVE, GYRO ZEPPELI.


IT'S CLEAR NOW THAT THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
HE'S A GOOD PERSON ...
WHOEVER GYRO IS, AND WHATEVER KIND OF ORDERS HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS HOMELAND...
HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE ME...
AND OF COURSE I COULD CHOOSE TO RUN.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A DESPERATE MOVE.
GYRO SHOWED ME THE DIRECTION OF THE 'ENEMY' WITH THE STEEL BALL.
BUT I WILL NEVER HAND OVER THIS 'CORPSE'!


NOW I KNOW YOUR LOCATION! GYRO!
I'M HEADING TOWARDS THAT ROCK MOUNTAIN!
WE'RE TOGETHER IN THIS RACE! AND WE'LL COLLECT THE REST OF THE CORPSE PARTS!
THIS HAS BECOME MY HOPE!
AND GYRO HAS GIVEN ME THE COURAGE TO PUSH FORWARD IN THIS CRISIS.

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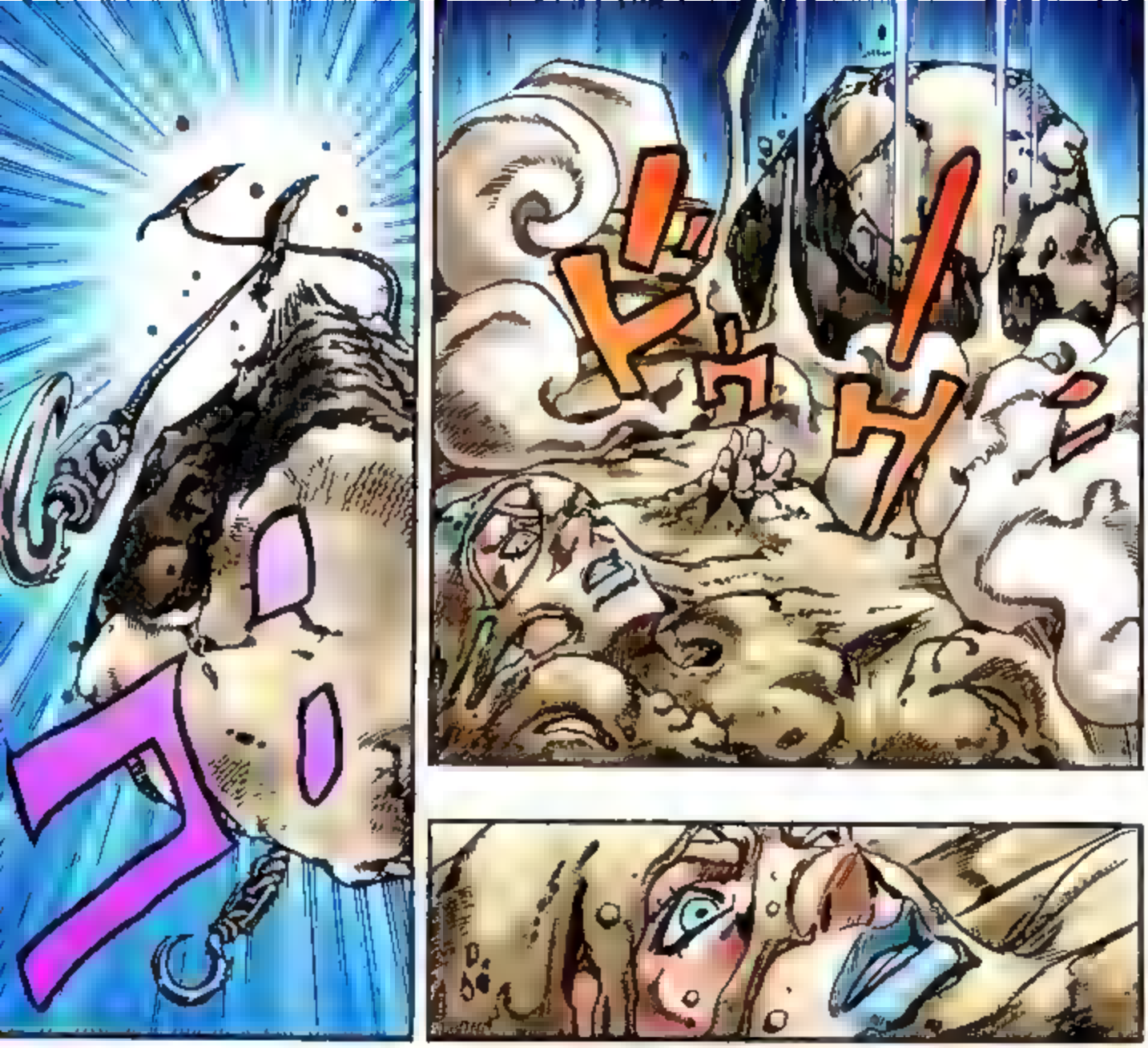

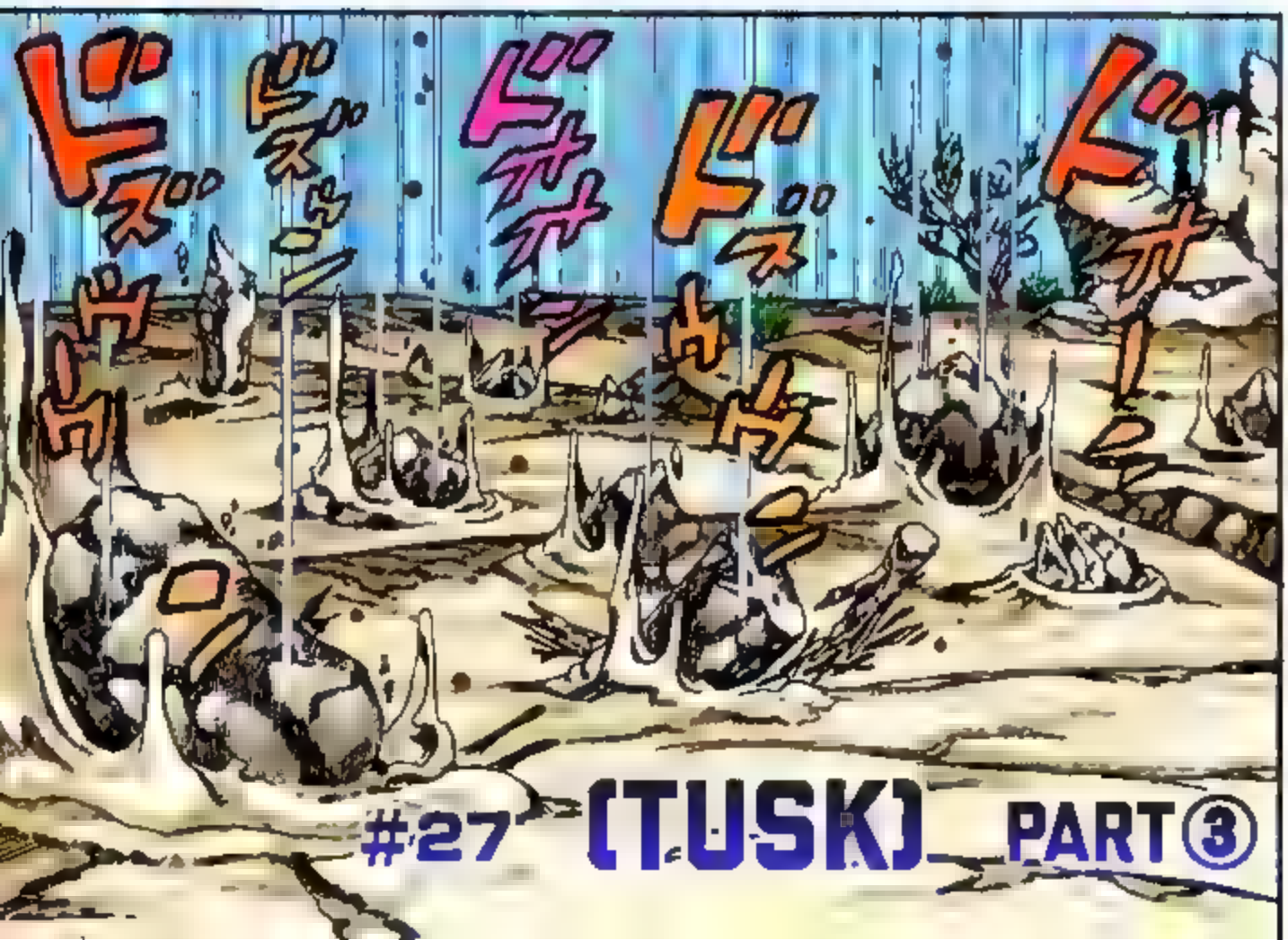
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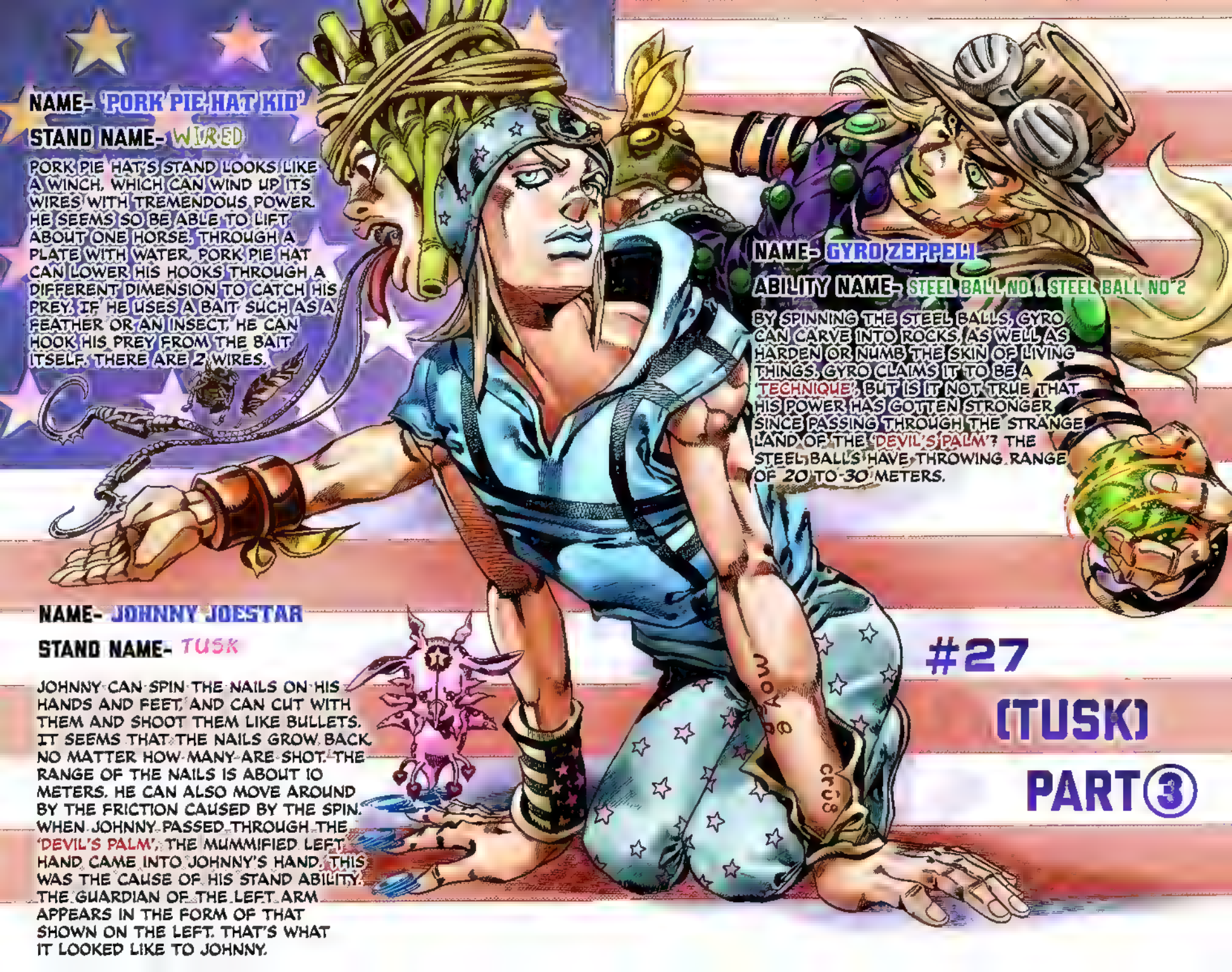
NAME- 'PORK PIE HAT KID'
STAND NAME- WIRED
PORK PIE HAT'S STAND LOOKS LIKE A WINCH, WHICH CAN WIND UP ITS WIRES WITH TREMENDOUS POWER. HE SEEMS SO BE ABLE TO LIFT ABOUT ONE HORSE. THROUGH A PLATE WITH WATER, PORK PIE HAT CAN LOWER HIS HOOKS THROUGH A DIFFERENT DIMENSION TO CATCH HIS PREY. IF HE USES A BAIT SUCH AS A FEATHER OR AN INSECT, HE CAN HOOK HIS PREY FROM THE BAIT ITSELF. THERE ARE 2 WIRES.
NAME- GYRO ZEPPELI
ABILITY NAME- STEEL BALL NO.1, STEEL BALL NO.2
BY SPINNING THE STEEL BALLS, GYRO CAN CARVE INTO ROCKS, AS WELL AS HARDEN OR NUMB THE SKIN OF LIVING THINGS. GYRO CLAIMS IT TO BE A 'TECHNIQUE', BUT IS IT NOT TRUE THAT HIS POWER HAS GOTTEN STRONGER SINCE PASSING THROUGH THE STRANGE LAND OF THE 'DEVIL'S PALM'? THE STEEL BALLS HAVE THROWING RANGE OF 20 TO 30 METERS.
NAME- JOHNNY JOESTAR
STAND NAME- TUSK
JOHNNY CAN SPIN THE NAILS ON HIS HANDS AND FEET, AND CAN CUT WITH THEM AND SHOOT THEM LIKE BULLETS. IT SEEMS THAT THE NAILS GROW BACK NO MATTER HOW MANY ARE SHOT. THE RANGE OF THE NAILS IS ABOUT 10 METERS. HE CAN ALSO MOVE AROUND BY THE FRICTION CAUSED BY THE SPIN. WHEN JOHNNY PASSED THROUGH THE 'DEVIL'S PALM', THE MUMMIFIED LEFT HAND CAME INTO JOHNNY'S HAND. THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF HIS STAND ABILITY. THE GUARDIAN OF THE LEFT ARM APPEARS IN THE FORM OF THAT SHOWN ON THE LEFT. THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE TO JOHNNY.
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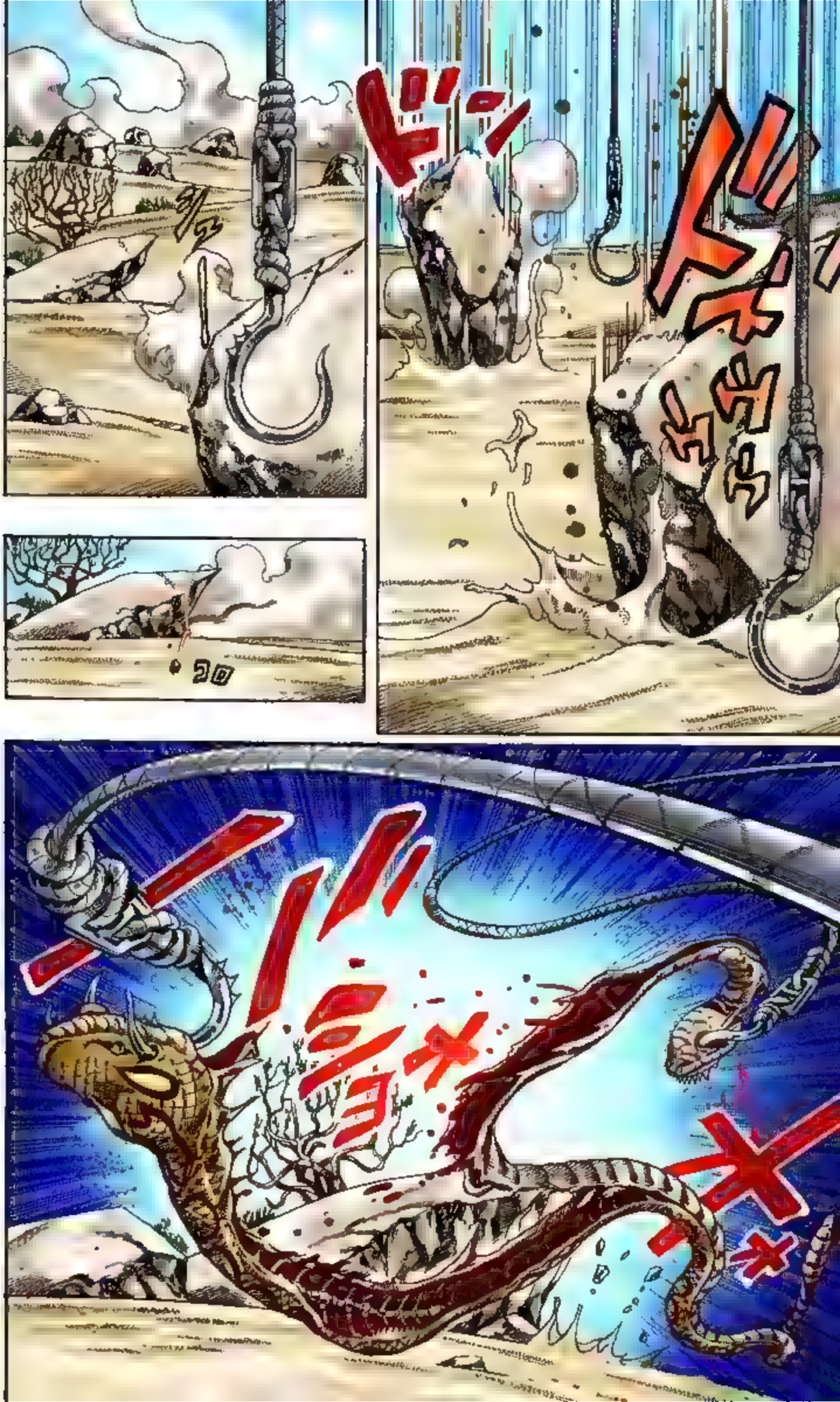
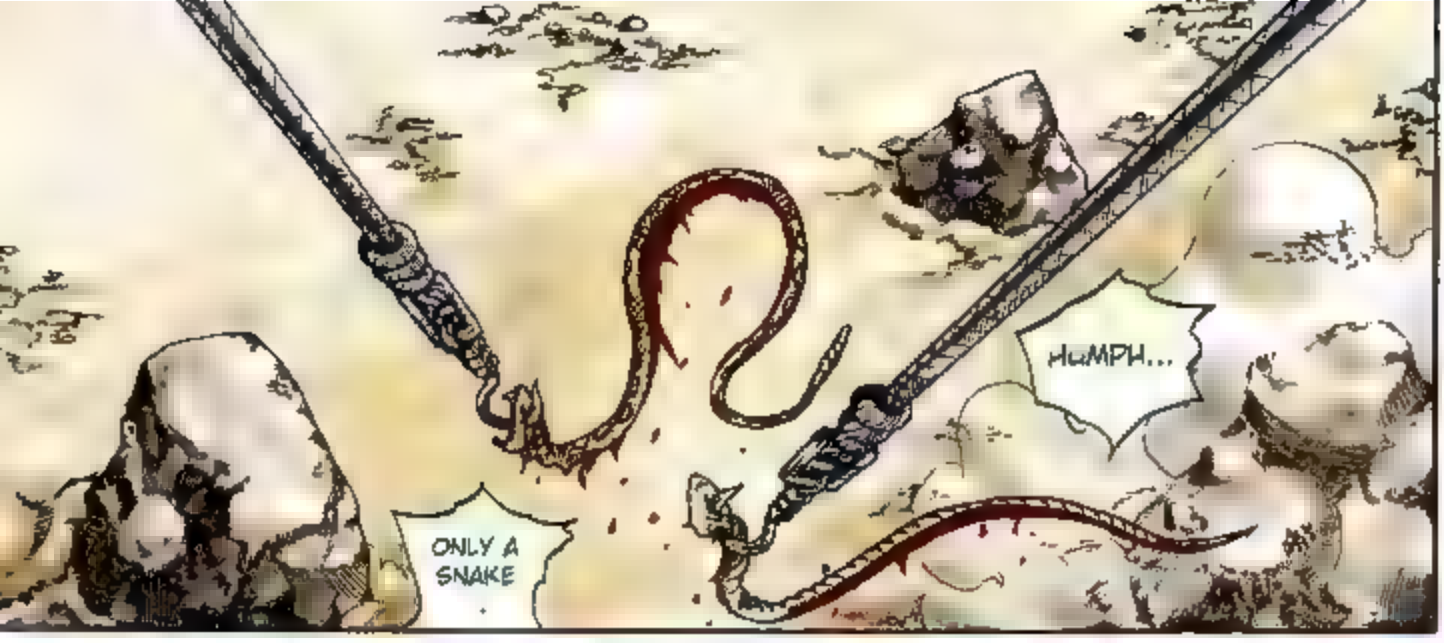
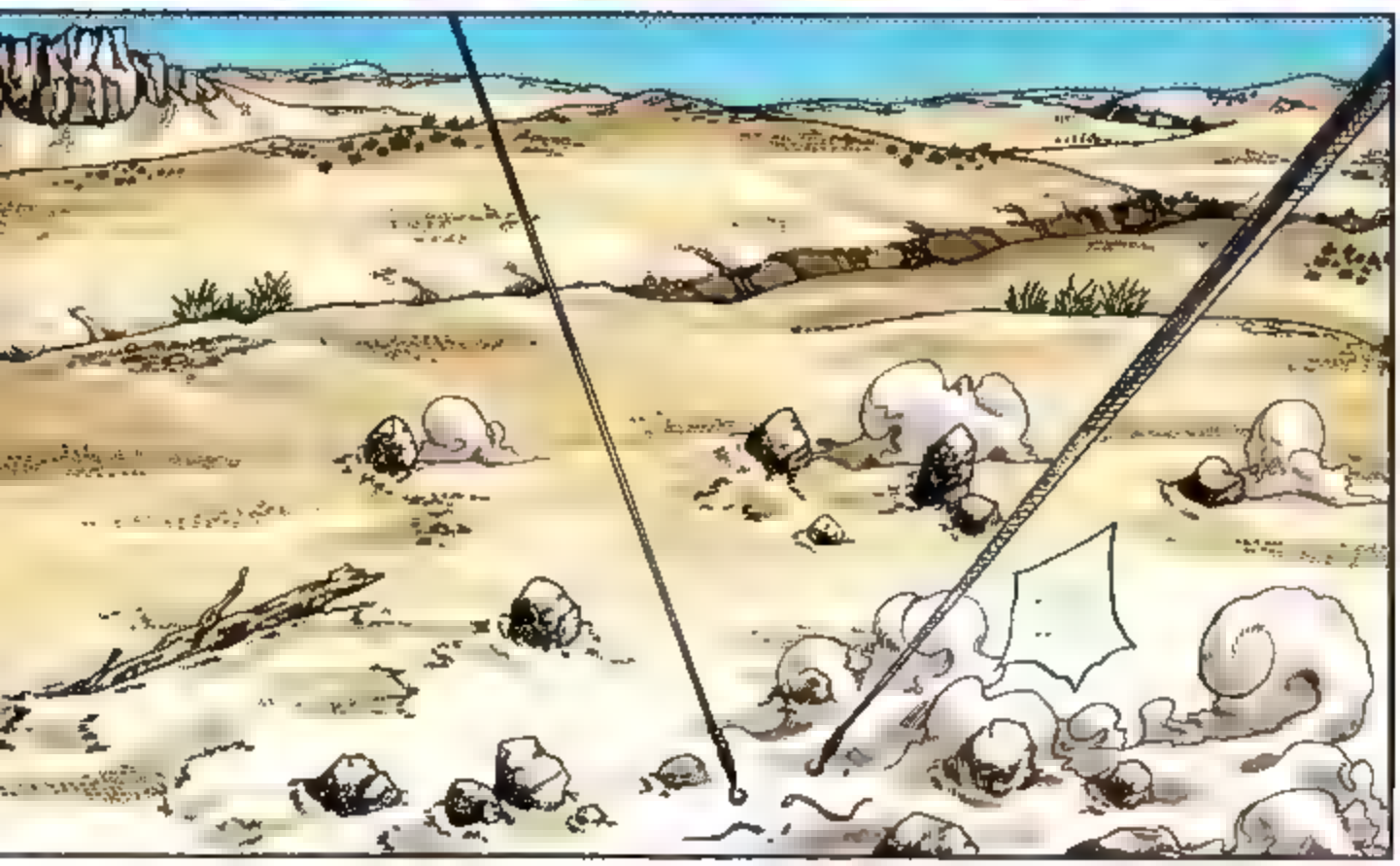
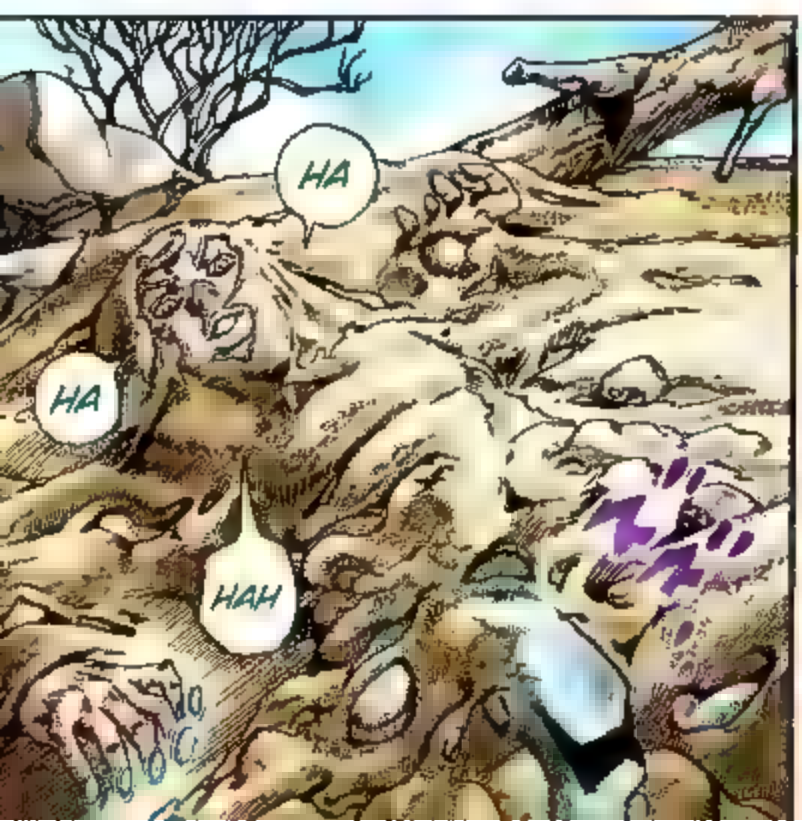
(TUSK)
PART 3




ONLY A SNAKE
HUMPH...

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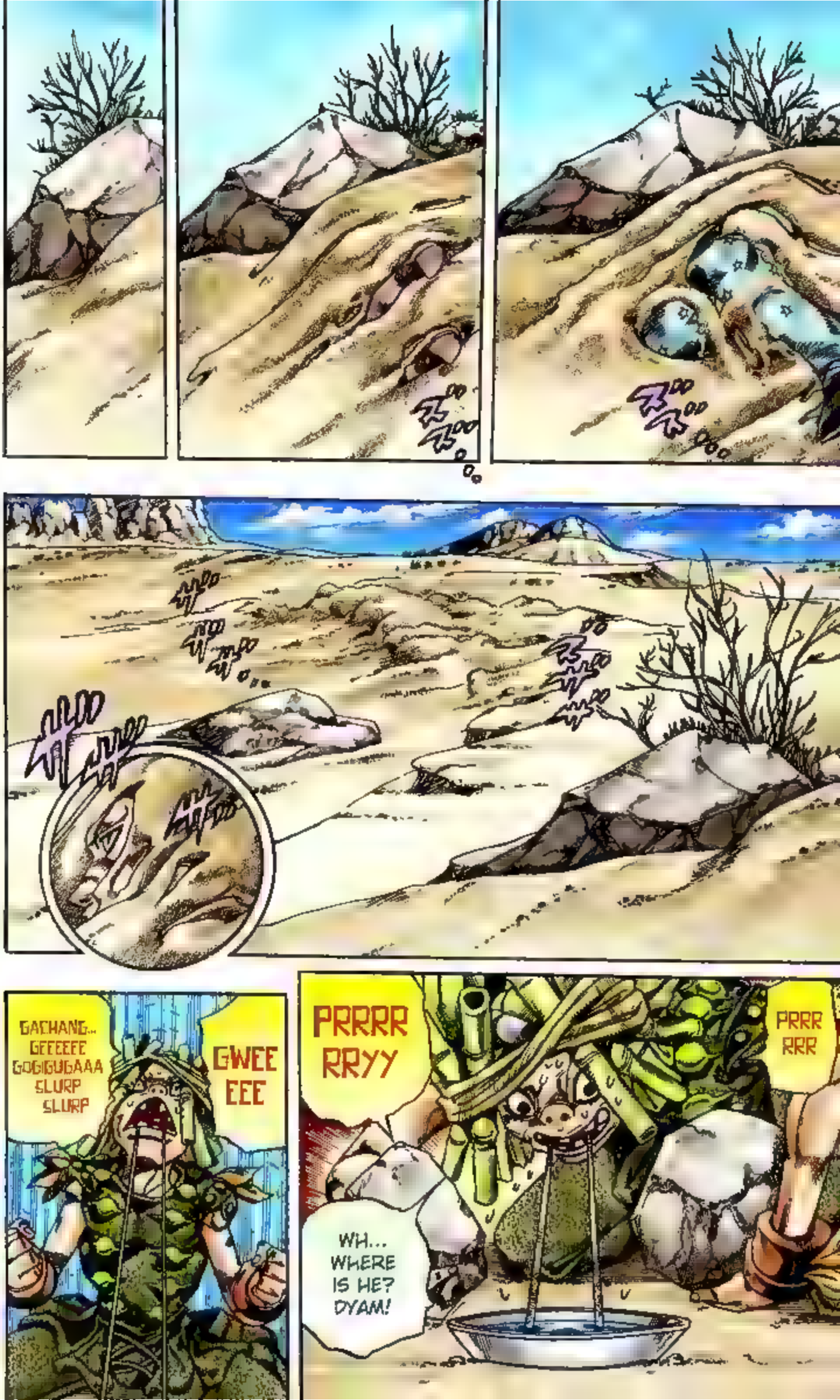
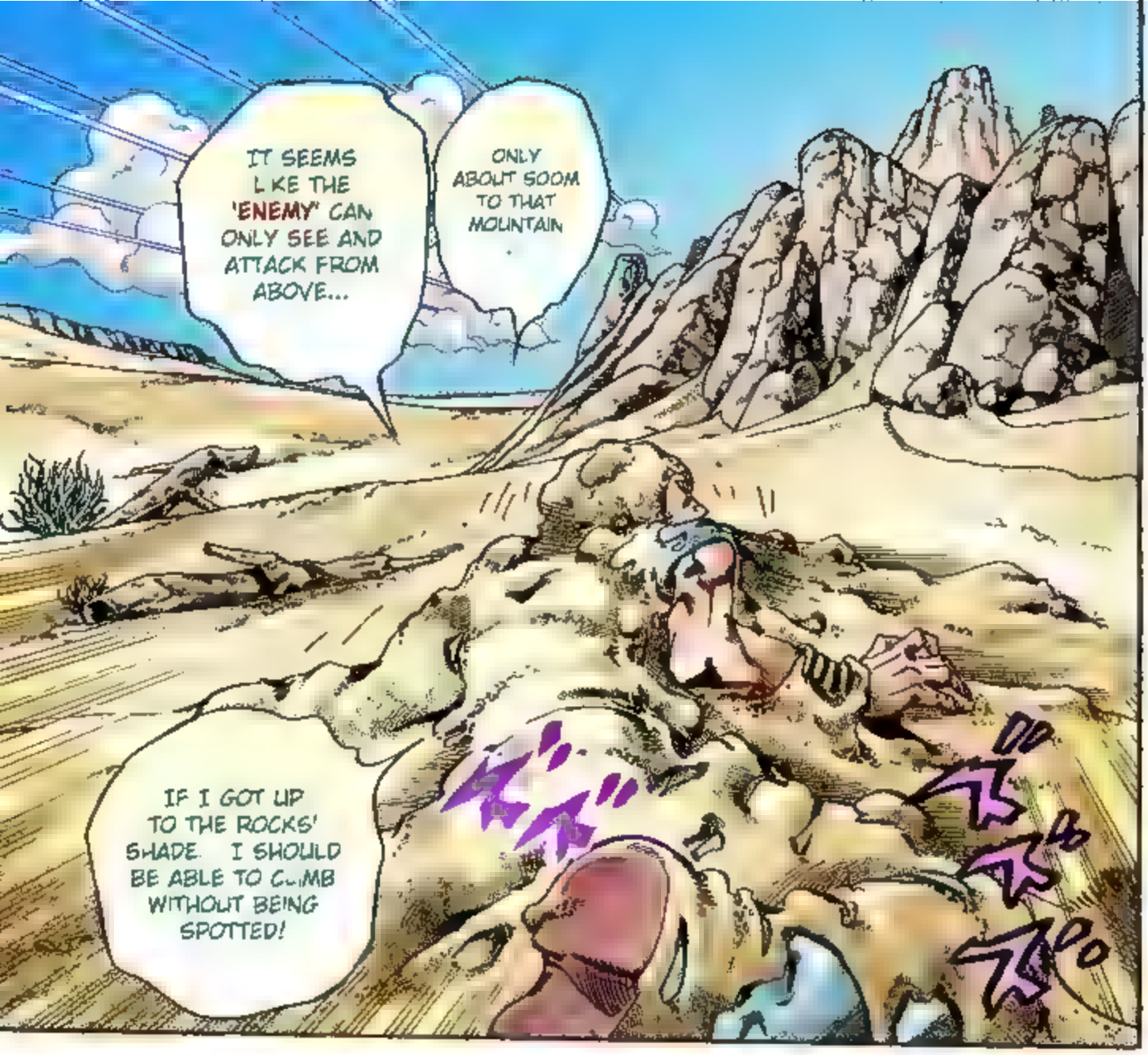
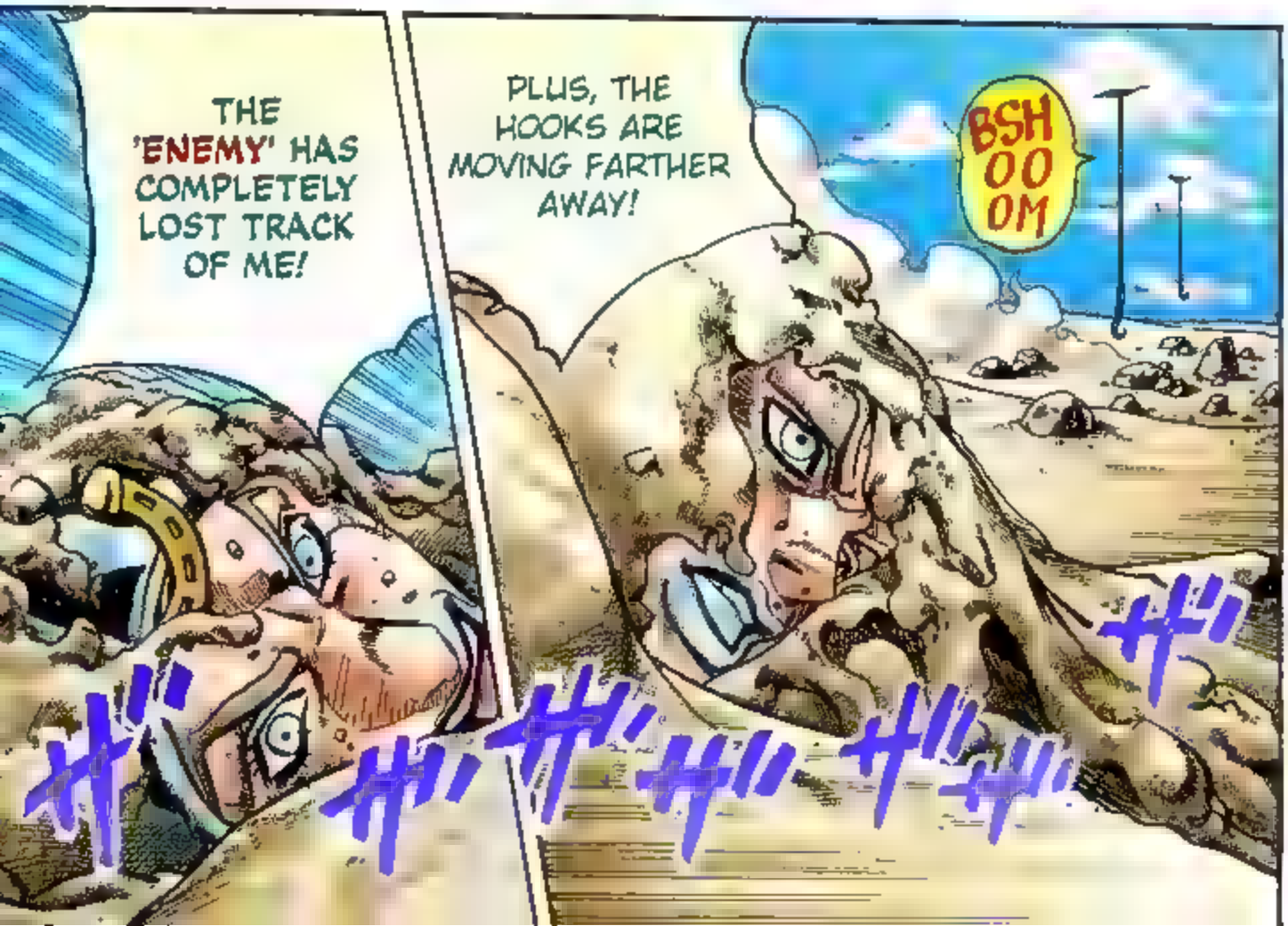

GACHANG...
GEEEEEE
GOGIGUGAAA
SLURP
SLURP
GWEE
EEE
PRRRR
RRYY
PRRR
RRR
WH...
WHERE
IS HE?
DYAM!

THAT CREEP! WHERE'D HE GOOOOO! I'LL KILL HIM!
JYOSHTERRR! I'LL TEAR YOU APART LIKE A SPITCHCOCK AND KILL YOU FOR SURE!!

BUT SAY... THIS IS FUCKING FUN... BUT SO TERRIBLE AT THE SAME TIME.
I'VE GOT NO CLUE!
DID I...! DID I LOSE HIM...? IS HE UNDERGROUND? ...HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE, THAT'S FOR SURE...
GWEEEE EWEEE
I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT HE'S COMING TOWARDS THIS PLACE..
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW HE'S DOING IT! THAT SCHMUCK!
BUT THEN AGAIN, HE COULD BE ESCAPING THAT WAY THROUGH THE DESERT ...
MAN. ! I'M ALMOST THERE ..... JUST ONE MORE STEP TO FINISH HIM AND GET THE 'CORPSE'..


IT SEEMS LIKE THE 'ENEMY' CAN ONLY SEE AND ATTACK FROM ABOVE...
ONLY ABOUT 500M TO THAT MOUNTAIN
IF I GOT UP TO THE ROCKS' SHADE... I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLIMB WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED!


THE 'ENEMY' HAS COMPLETELY LOST TRACK OF ME!
PLUS, THE HOOKS ARE MOVING FARTHER AWAY!
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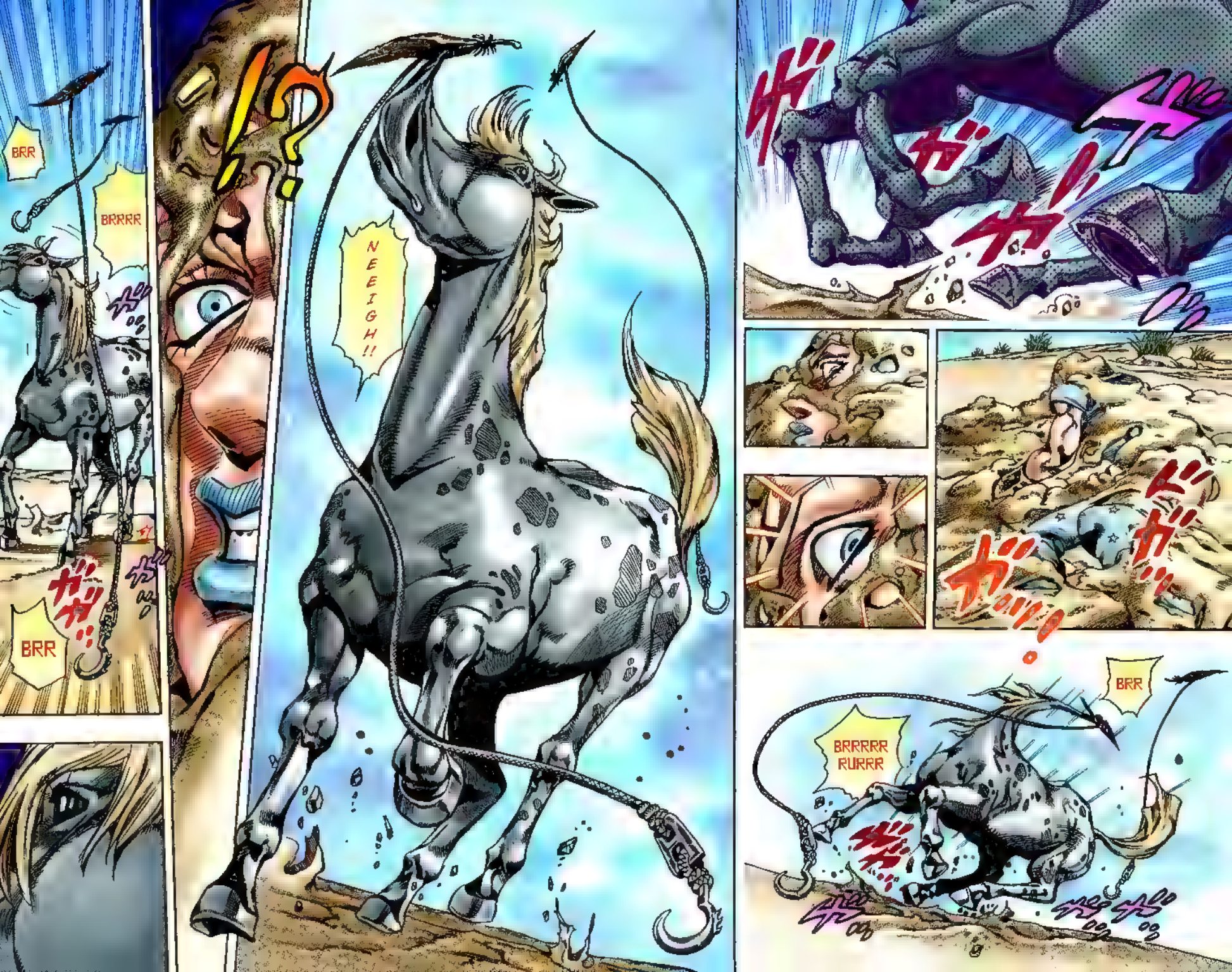
BRR
BRRRR
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NEEIGH!!
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BRRRRR
RURRR

BHAAA
BRR
HUH?! WHAT?!
THAT'S MY HORSE?!
CLIP
CLOP
CLOP
ALRI---GHT! IT STARTED MOVING!!
GWEEEE-GACHANG!
HORSES ARE OBEDIENT AND SENSITIVE! THEY'LL RETURN TO THEIR MASTERS BY SMELLING AND LISTENING FOR THEIR BREATHS!
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR BELOVED HORSE THAT YOU'VE TRAVELED WITH THROUGH THIS HARSH RACE!
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO YOU, JYOSH-TERRR!

IS... IS SHE?!
WHAT'S SHE DOING?
HA
HA
BRR
CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
WHA...
HMM, THAT DIRECTION, I SEE. SO HE WAS HEADING THIS WAY.
WHAAAT?!
CLOP
CLIP
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BRR
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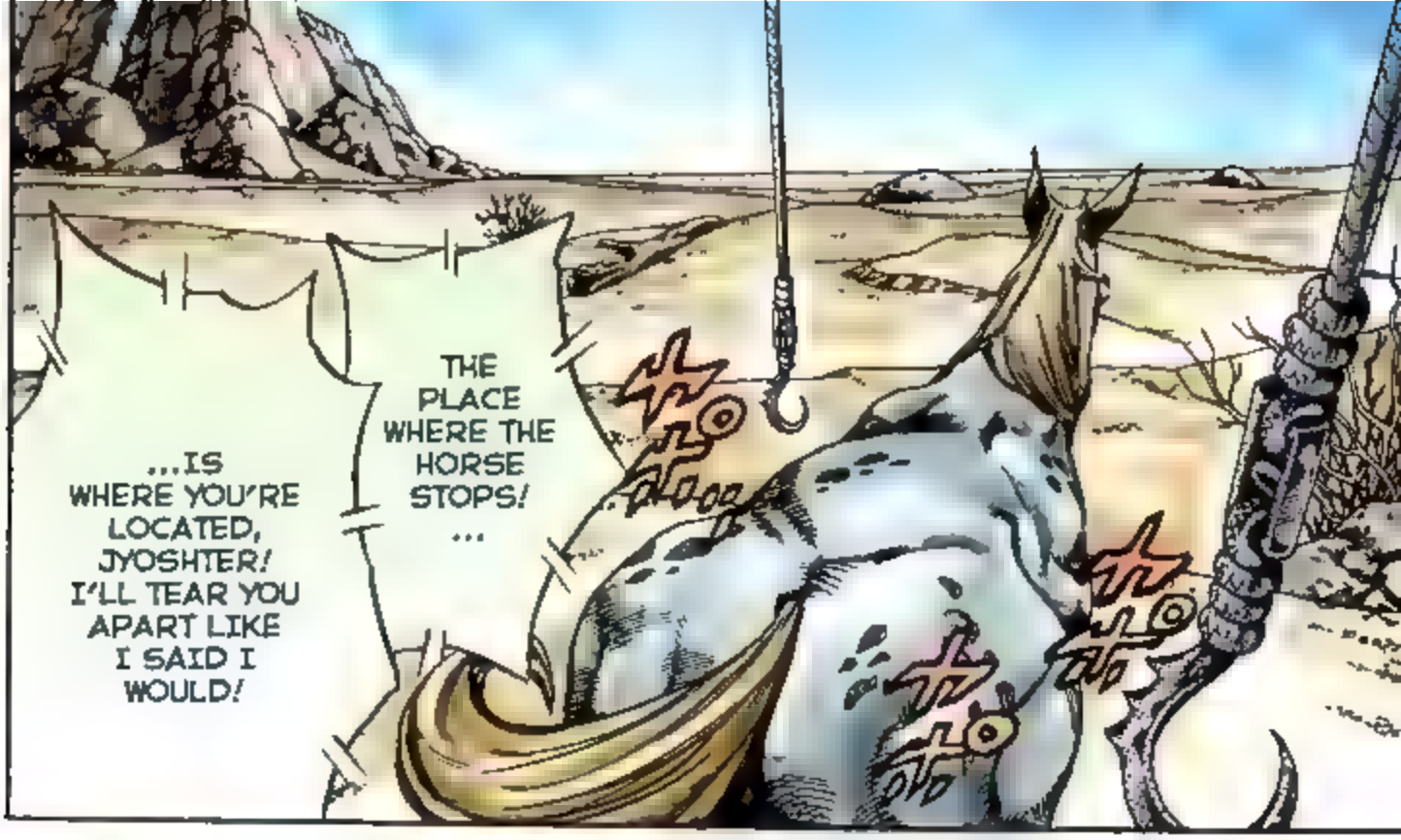
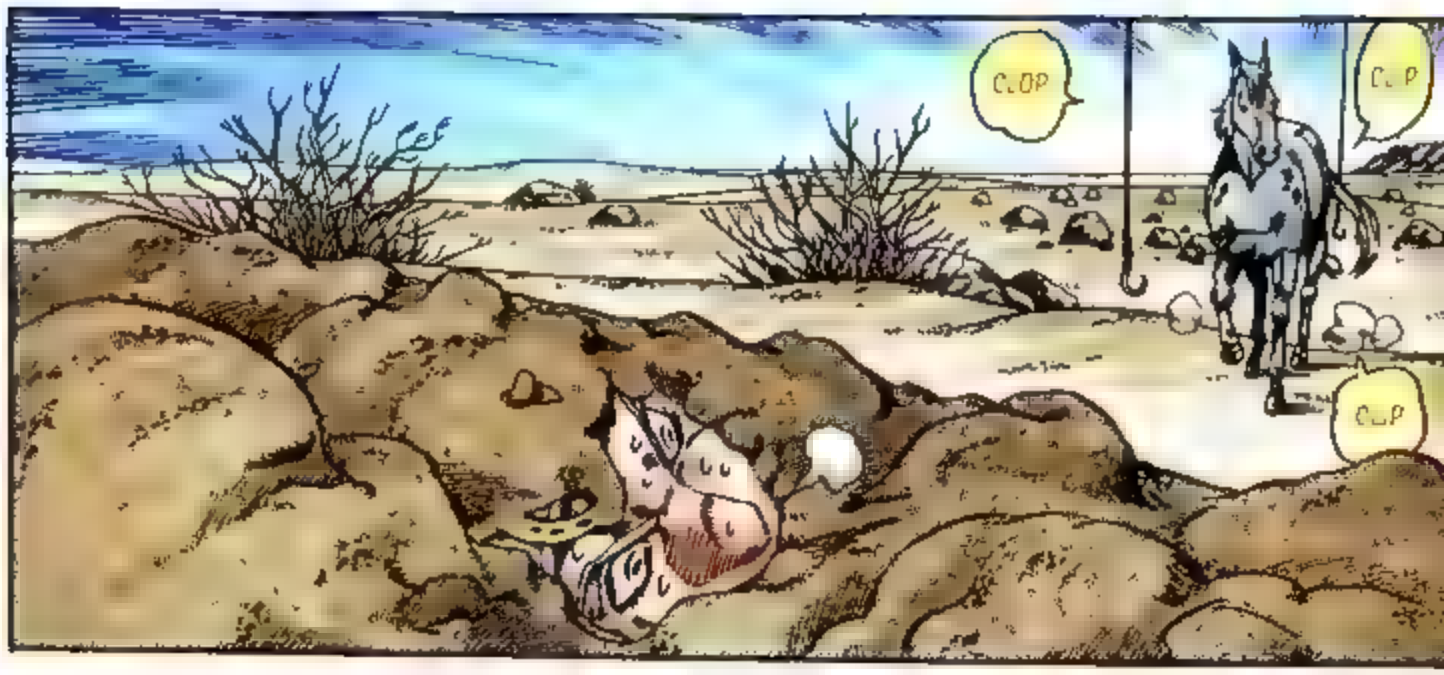

...IS WHERE YOU'RE LOCATED, JYOSHTER! I'LL TEAR YOU APART LIKE I SAID I WOULD!
THE PLACE WHERE THE HORSE STOPS! ...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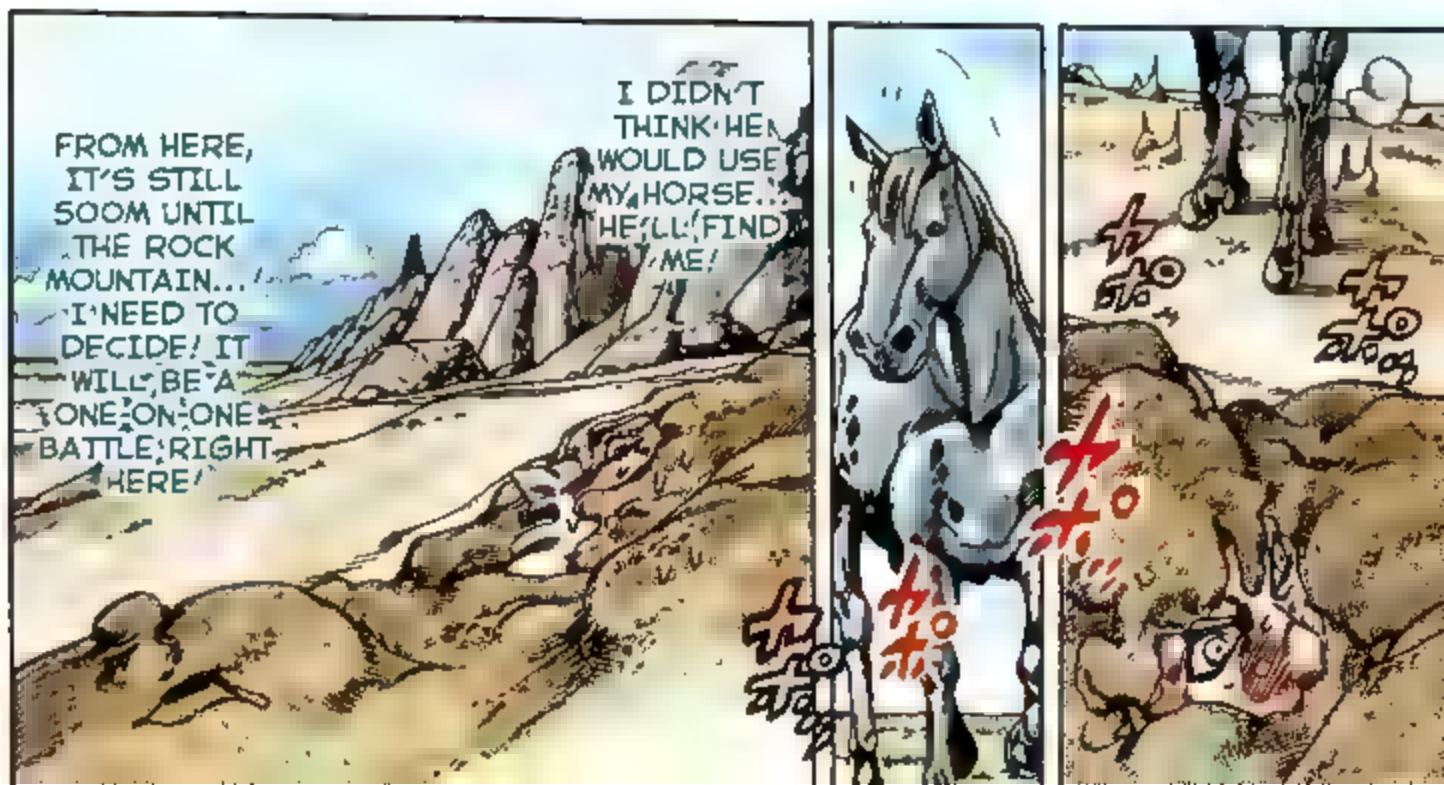
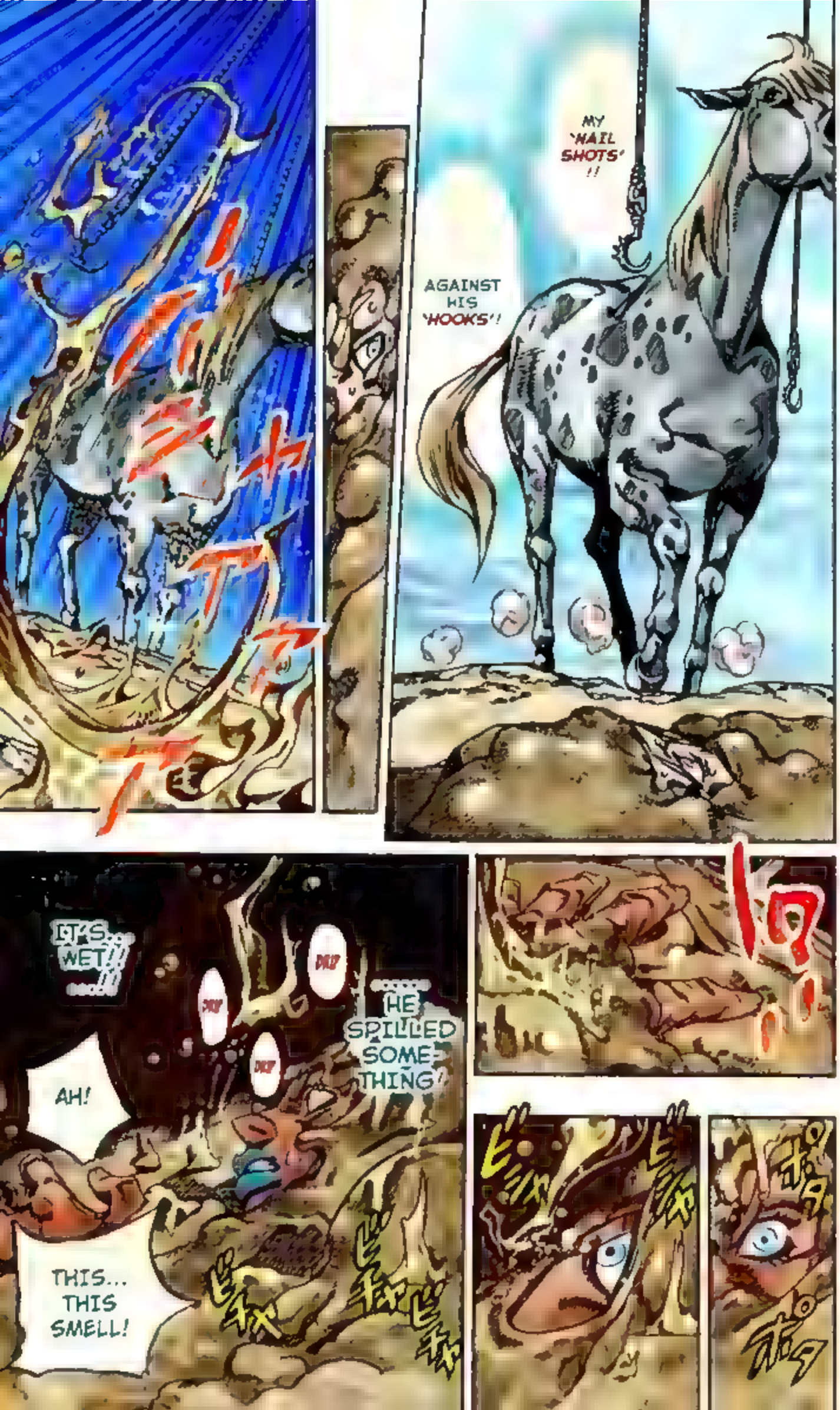
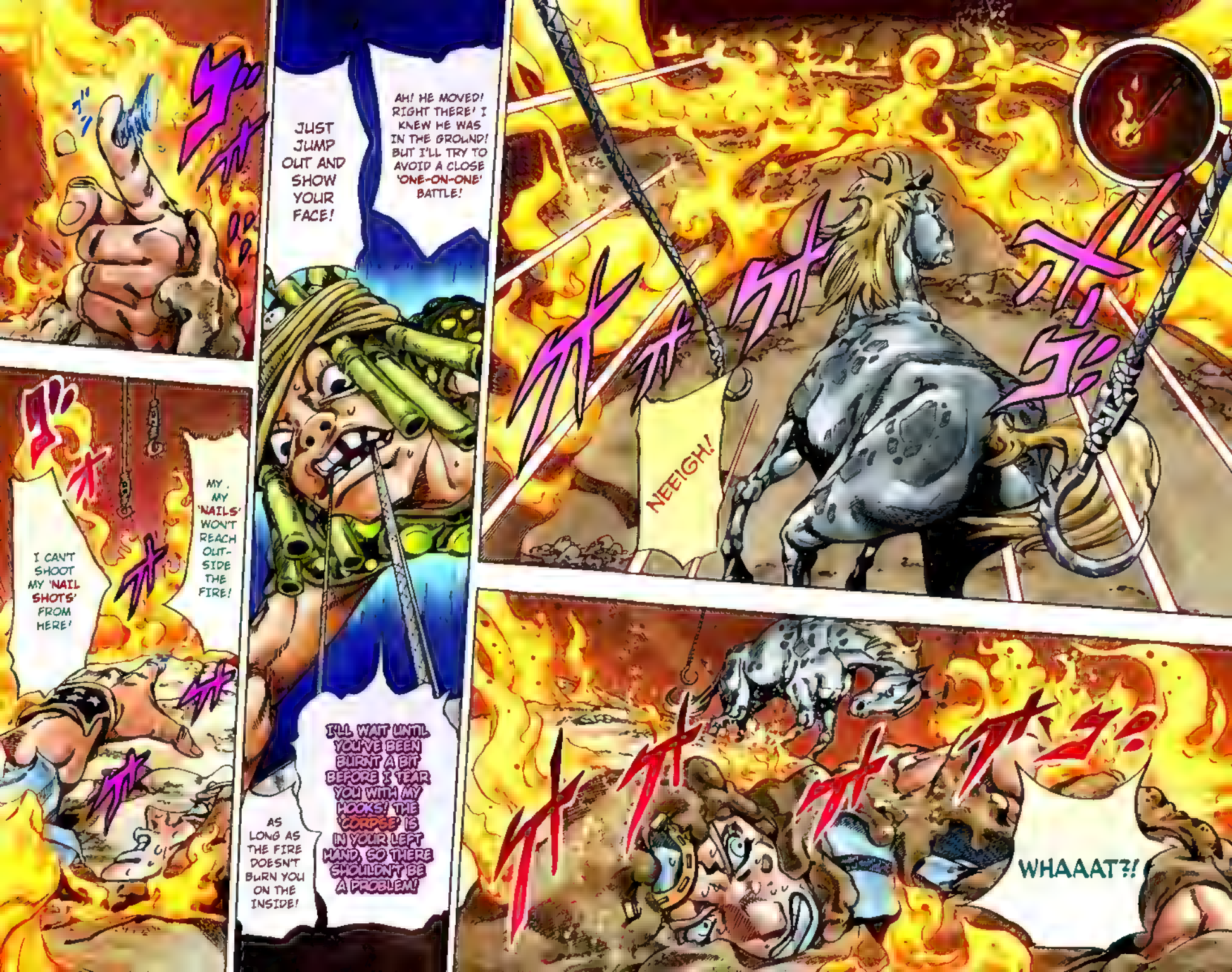

FROM HERE, IT'S STILL SOOM UNTIL THE ROCK MOUNTAIN... I NEED TO DECIDE! IT WILL BE A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE RIGHT HERE!
I DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD USE MY HORSE... HE'LL FIND ME!


MY 'NAIL SHOTS'!!
AGAINST HIS 'HOOKS'!
IT'S WET!!
HE SPILLED SOMETHING!
AH!
THIS... THIS SMELL!


JUST JUMP OUT AND SHOW YOUR FACE!
AH! HE MOVED! RIGHT THERE! I KNEW HE WAS IN THE GROUND! BUT I'LL TRY TO AVOID A CLOSE 'ONE-ON-ONE' BATTLE!
NEEIGH!
I CAN'T SHOOT MY 'NAIL SHOTS' FROM HERE!
MY, MY 'NAILS' WON'T REACH OUT-SIDE THE FIRE!
AS LONG AS THE FIRE DOESN'T BURN YOU ON THE INSIDE!
I'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN BURNT A BIT BEFORE I TEAR YOU WITH MY HOOKS! THE 'CORPSE' IS IN YOUR LEFT HAND, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM!
WHAAAT?!

THIS IS THE END!
AAGH!
UWO AAA AA!
JVO SHTE RRR R!
HE STOOD UP!!
HAHAAAA! HE CAME OUT!
I SEE HIS SUF-FERING BODY!
AGH
UWOAA!!
AAH!

HUH?! WOOD?
FOOM...

I CARVED A DEAD TREE INTO THE SHAPE OF A PERSON...
AND NOW THE WIRES ARE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME
THIS ABILITY HAS FAR SURPASSED A SIMPLE 'NAIL'
IT'S A 'TUSK'.
FROM NOW ON I WILL CALL THIS 'TUSK'.
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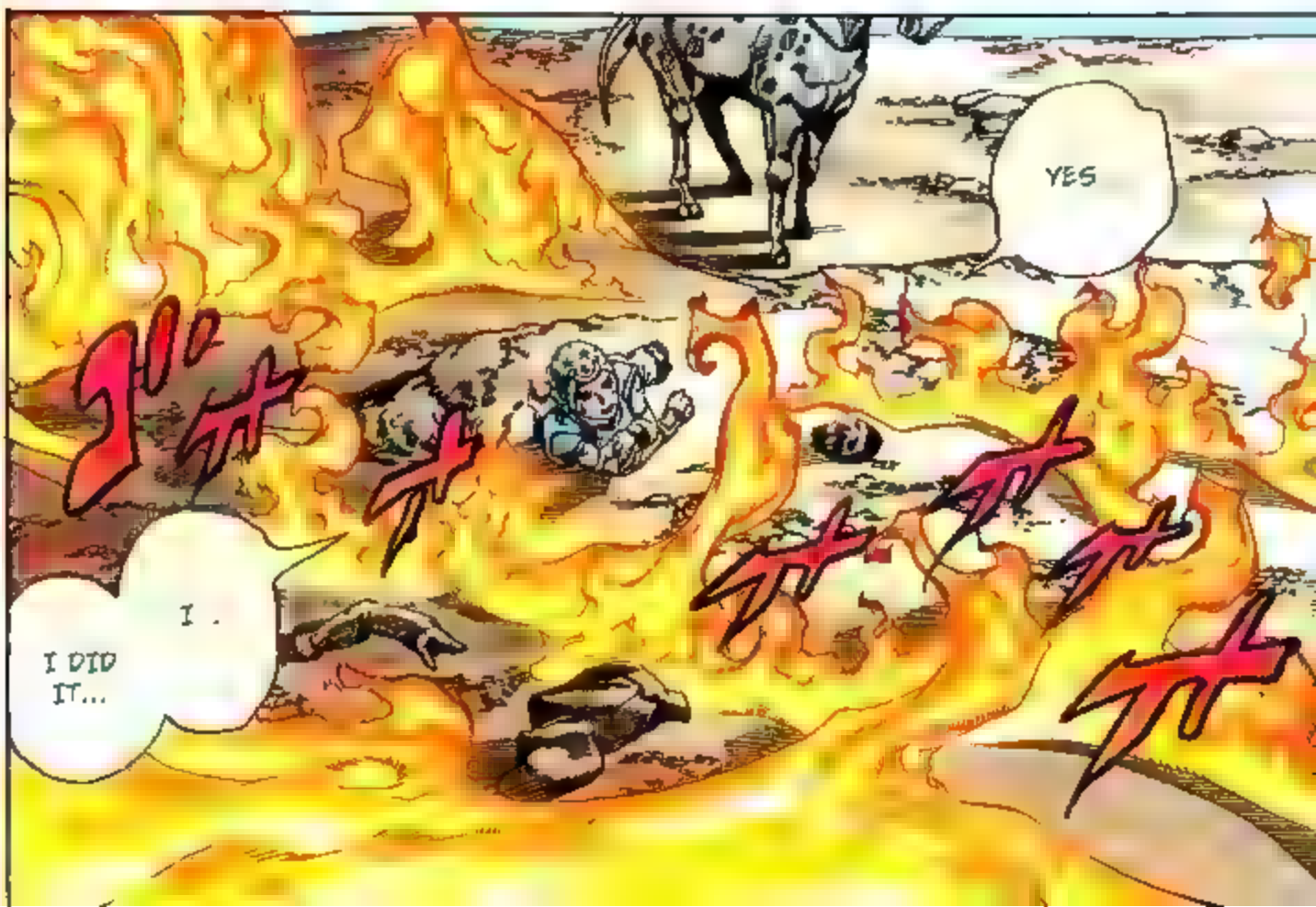
YES
I .
I DID IT...

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
GUOOO
GYRO...
HAAH
HAH
HAH
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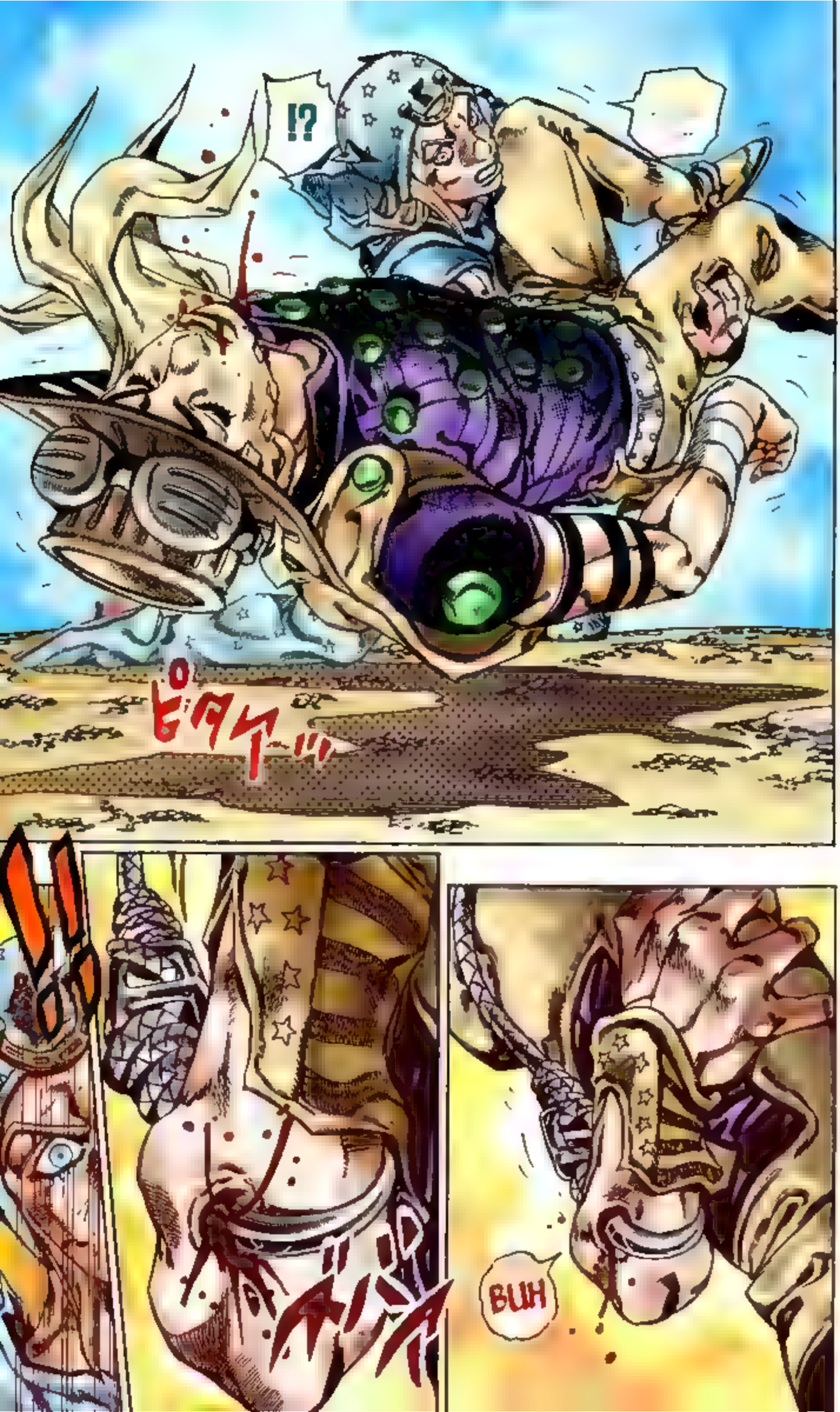
HAA
HAH
HAH
GY...

THIS ENTIRE 'STEEL BALL RUN RACE' IS BASICALLY A TERRORIST ITSELF! EVEN THE RACERS... AND STEPHEN STEEL... THE SPONSORS... I CAN'T TRUST ANYBODY...
EXCEPT FOR GYRO..! I CAN ONLY TRUST IN HIM..I WANT TO HEAR HIS OPINION ON THE 'CORPSE'.
IS HE ALRIGHT? TELL ME YOU'RE ALRIGHT, GYRO...
GYO!
COME ON! WHERE'S THE 'STRING' TO FIX YOUR WOUND?
ARE YOU BREATHING, GYRO?!
THAT 'STRING'!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BUH

WHAAAAT?!
DRAG
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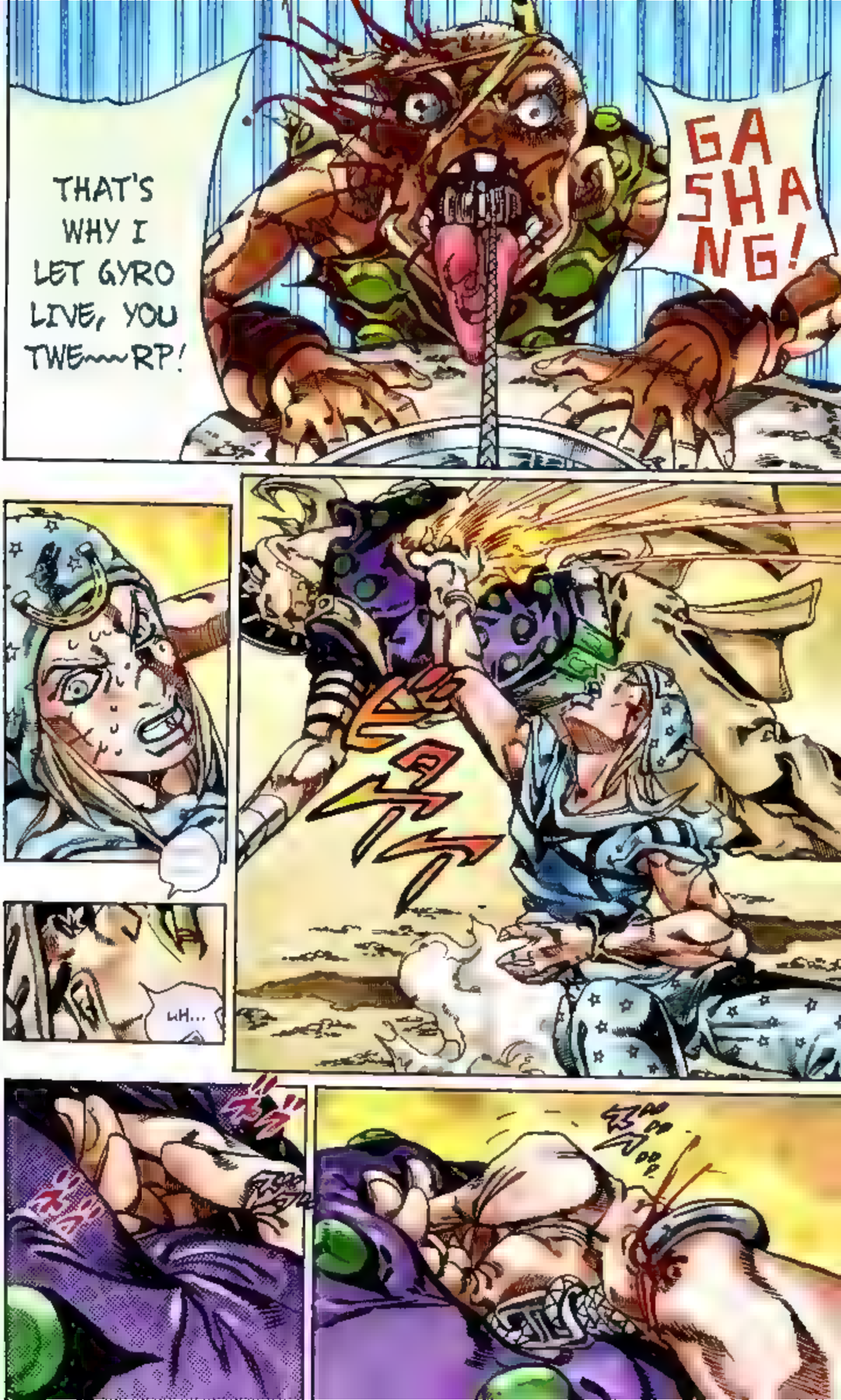
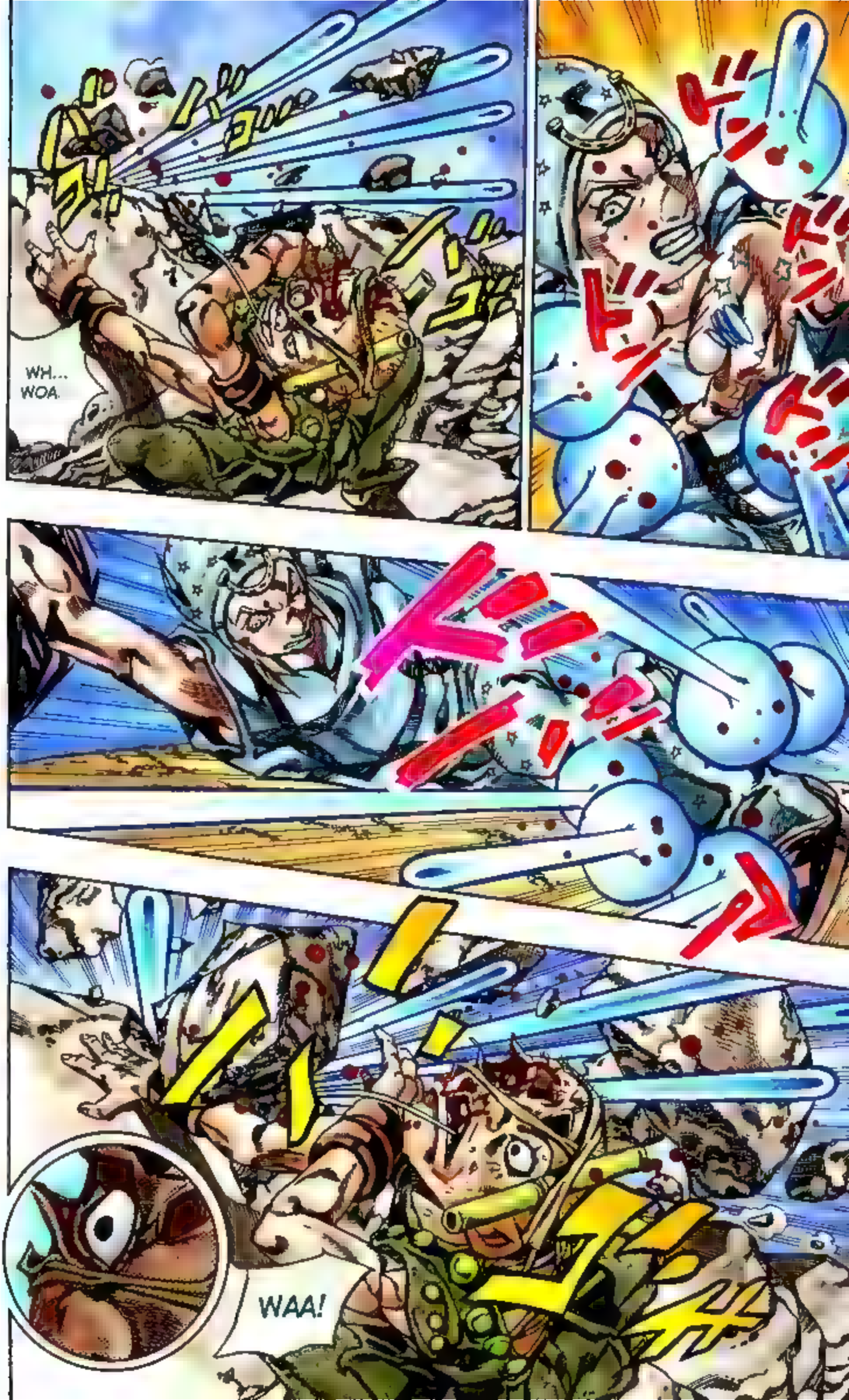
PRRRRR RRRRR RRRR
JYOSHTER! YOU LOSE! YOU FELL FOR IT! I MADE GYRO HIMSELF THE BAIT!
THAT'S MY 'BAIT'!
C...
CAUGHT YOU!
KILL
DRAG DRAG
DRAG
DRAG DRAG
UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA


THAT'S WHY I LET GYRO LIVE, YOU TWE~~RP!
GA SHA NG!
WH...

GHA!
GH!
GHA!
HUH?!
J... JOHNNY?

NOO OOO! GYRO!
UWOO OA!!
NO... THIS CAN'T BE...!
VICTORY IS MINE, EH, JYOSHTER?
I'LL DRAG YOU INTO GYRO!
IF I PULL THE WIRES, YOU'LL RIP THROUGH GYRO AND COME TO ME!
I'LL LET YOU LIVE, BUT ONLY IF YOU HAND OVER THE 'CORPSE'! THAT'S MY ONLY GOAL!
GIVE THE 'CORPSE' IN YOUR LEFT HAND TO ME!
TAKE IT OUT FROM YOUR 'ARM' AND HAND IT OVER!
NOW! OR DO YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT THIS PLACE WOULD LOOK LIKE IF GYRO'S INSIDES WERE SPLATTERED ALL OVER THE ROCKS?!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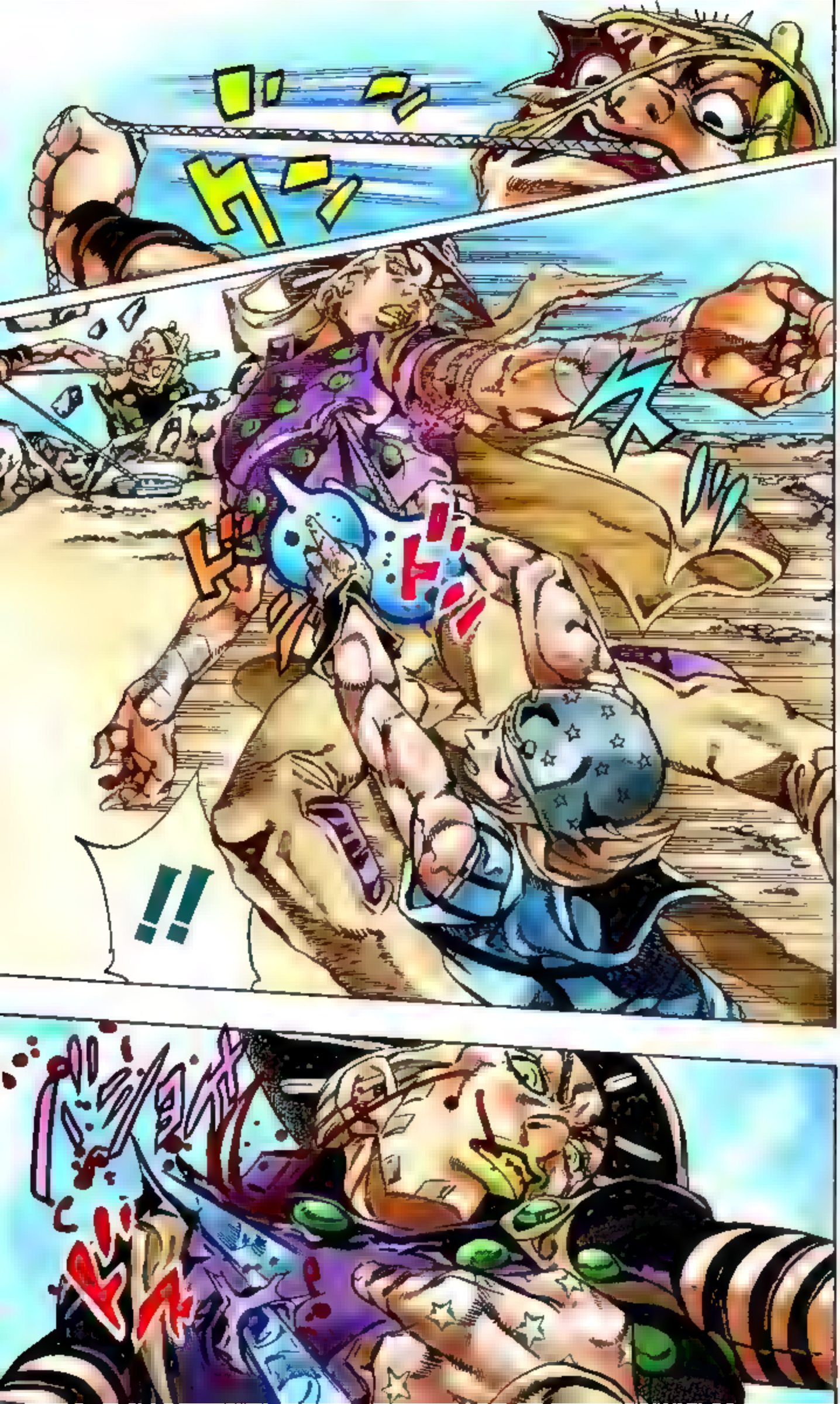
WOA.
WAA!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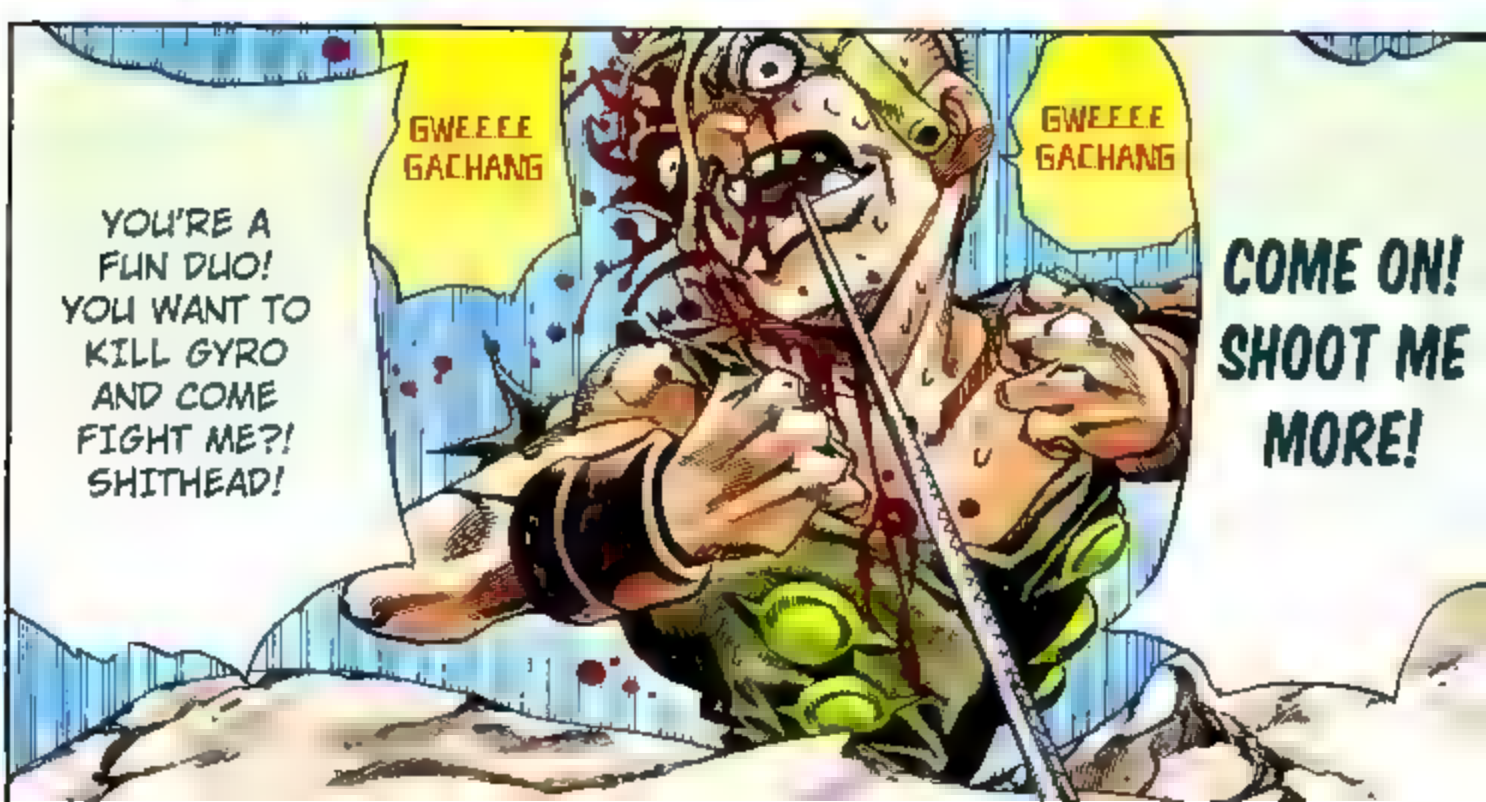
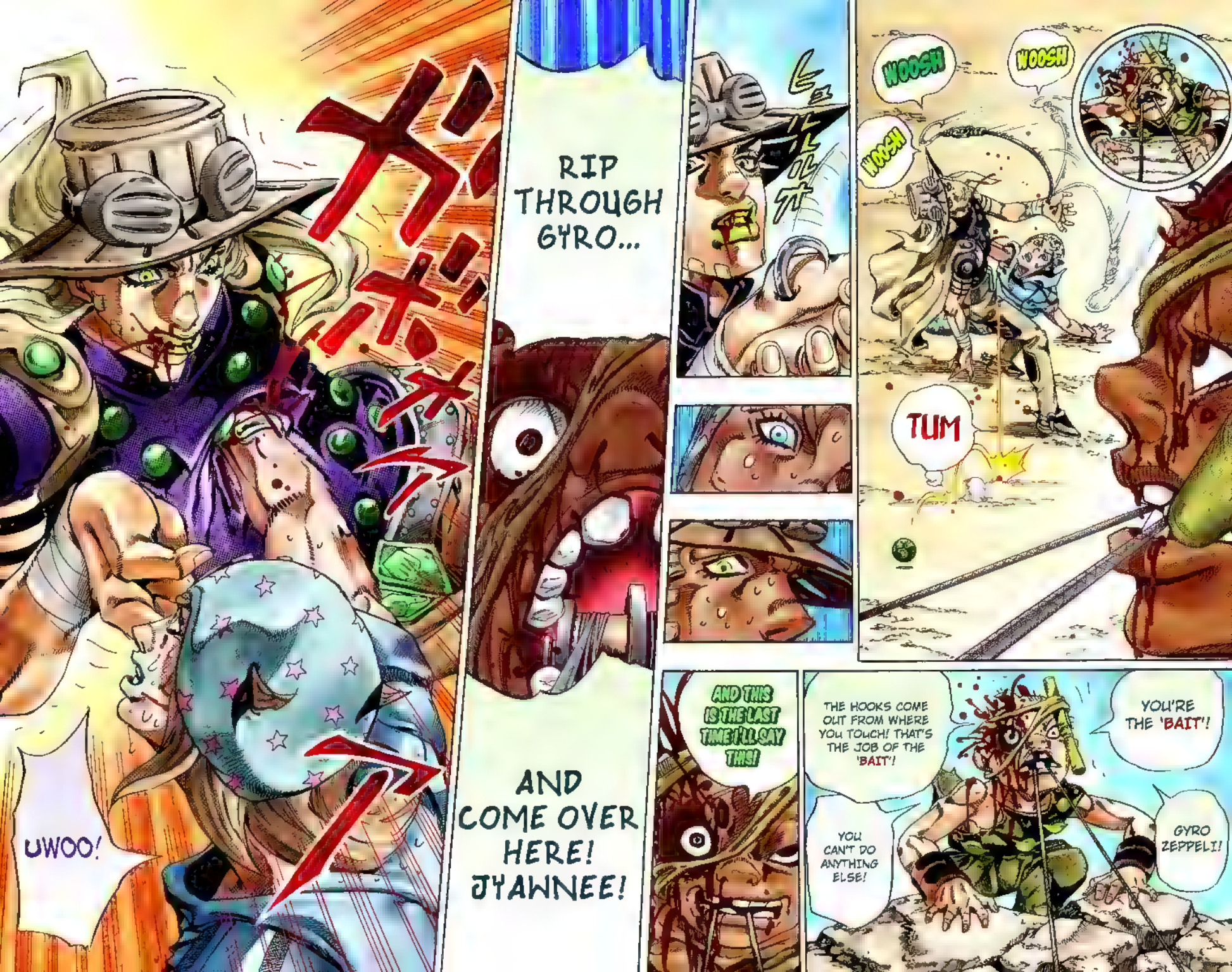
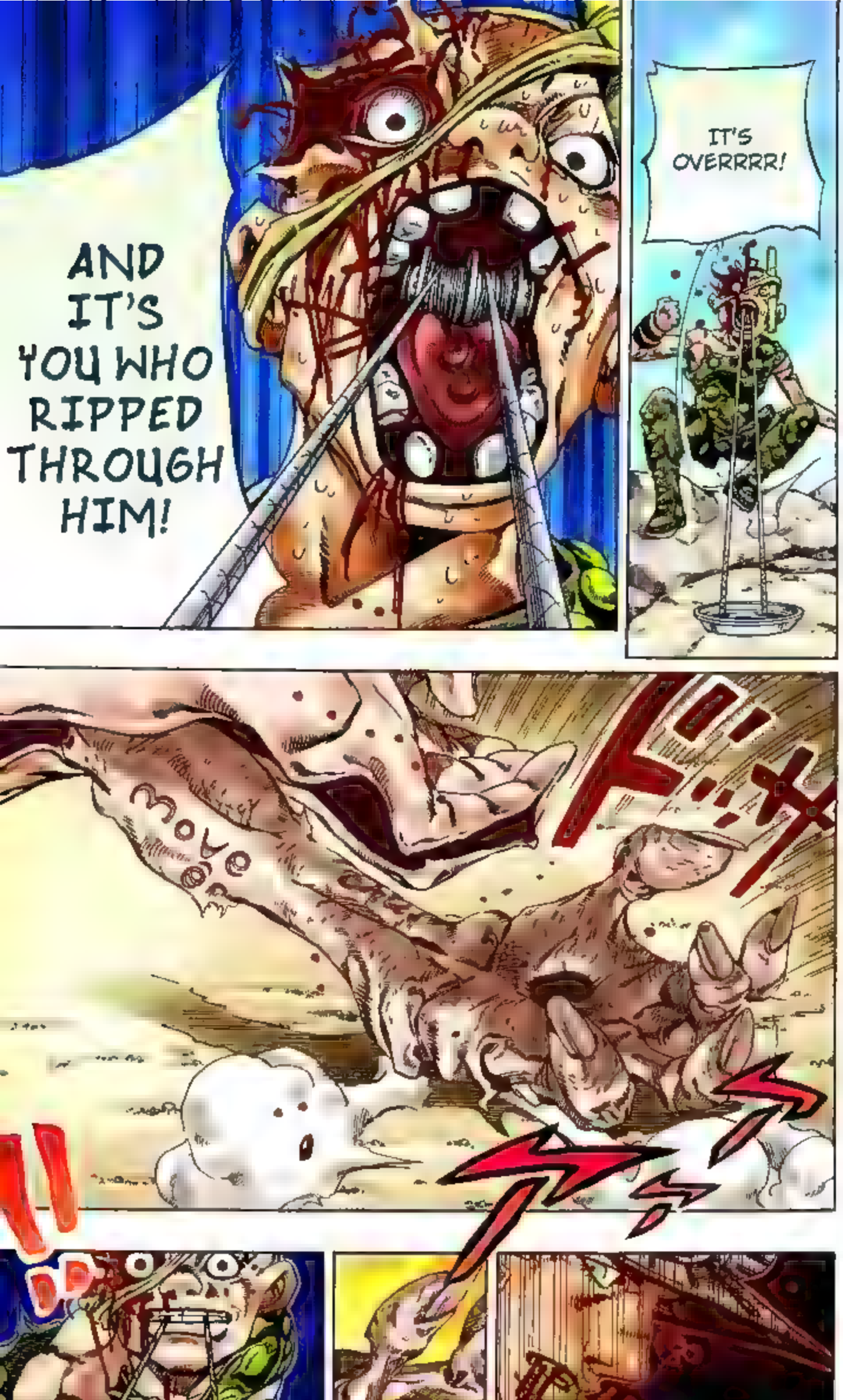
UGH!
UGH!
AAH! GYRO!


YOU'RE A FUN DUO! YOU WANT TO KILL GYRO AND COME FIGHT ME?! SHITHEAD!
GWEEEE GACHANG
GWEEEE GACHANG
COME ON! SHOOT ME MORE!

OOH!
AAAH, GYROOO!
JOHNNY .
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
'CORPSE' .
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE! JUST HAND OVER THE 'CORPSE' FOR FUCK'S SAKE!
I... I DON'T WANT TO...
MY LEGS MOVED... GYRO...
I DON'T WANT TO HAND IT OVER WHAT'S IN MY HAND


UWOO!
RIP THROUGH GYRO...
AND COME OVER HERE! JYAWNEE!
WOOSH!
WOOSH!
WOOSH!
TUM
AND THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL SAY THIS!
THE HOOKS COME OUT FROM WHERE YOU TOUCH! THAT'S THE JOB OF THE 'BAIT'!
YOU'RE THE 'BAIT'!
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE!
GYRO ZEPPELI!

UWOA AAAAA AAAA!
UWAAAH!!


AND IT'S YOU WHO RIPPED THROUGH HIM!
IT'S OVERRRR!
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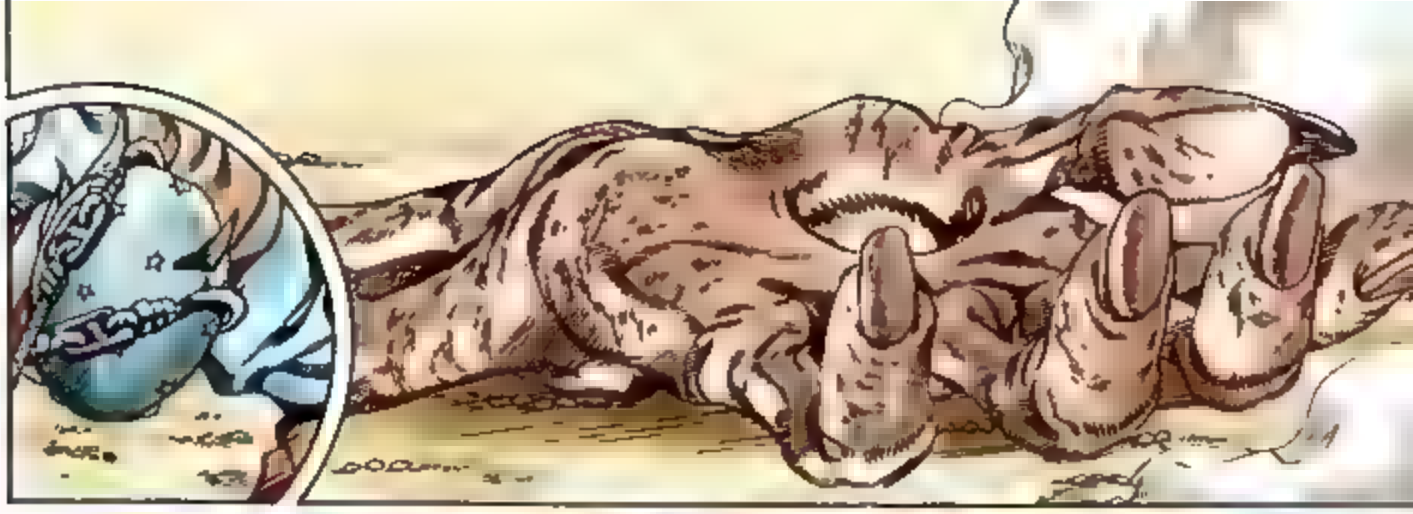

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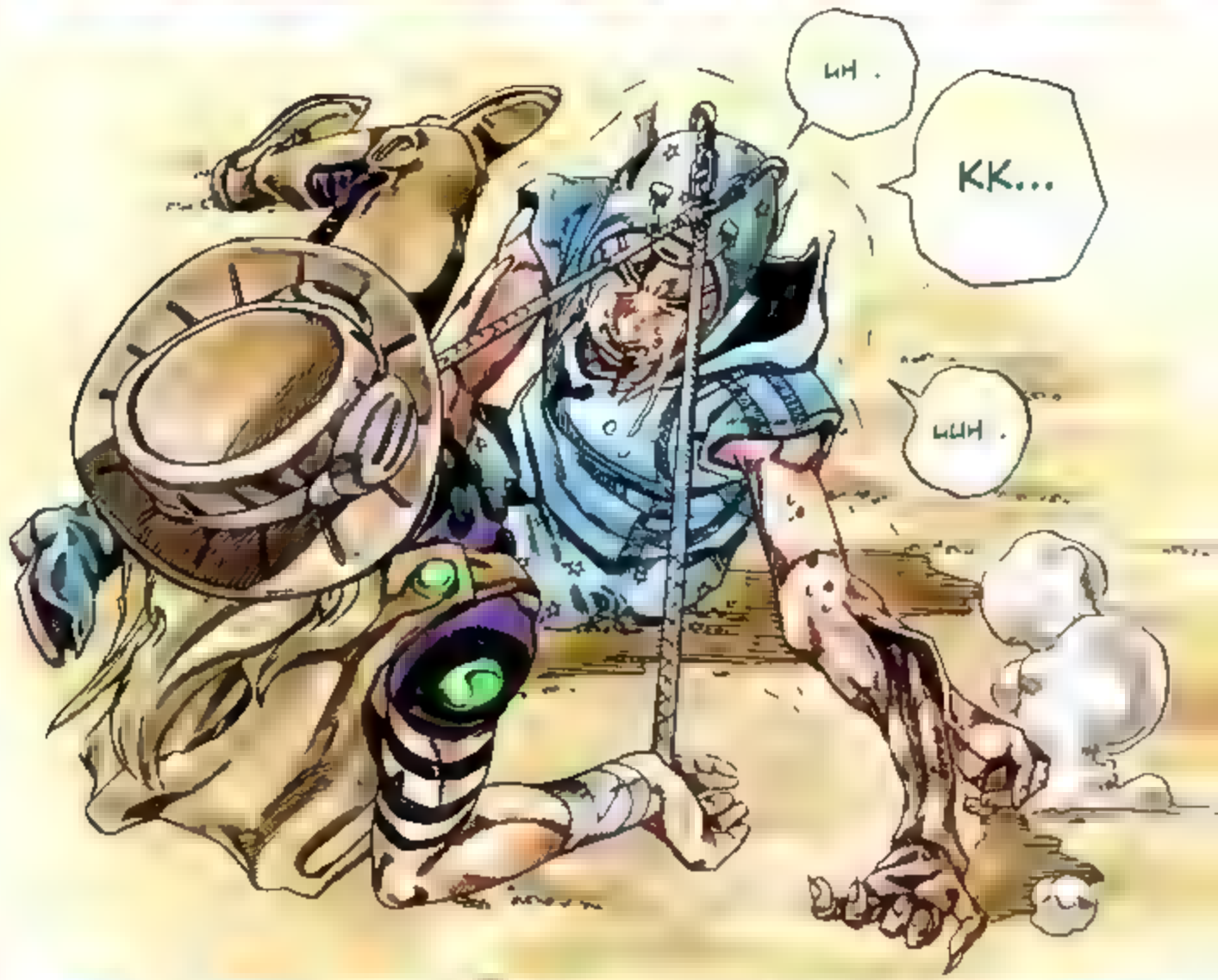
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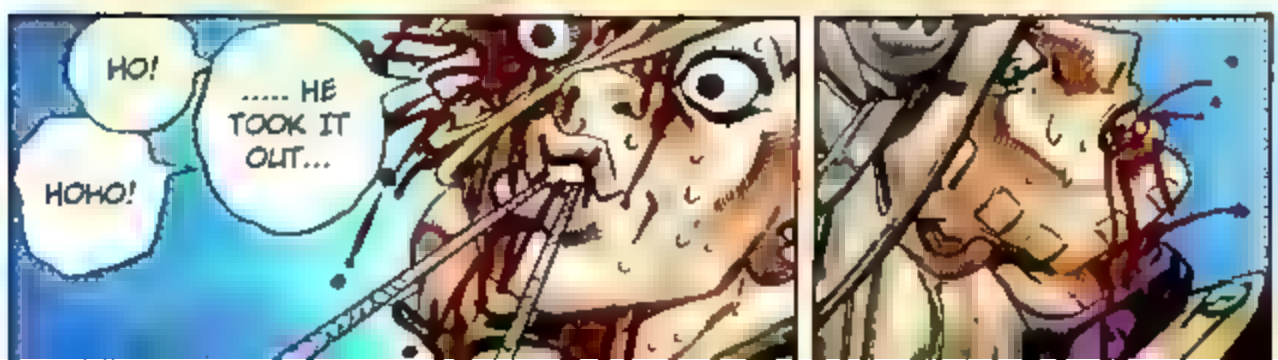
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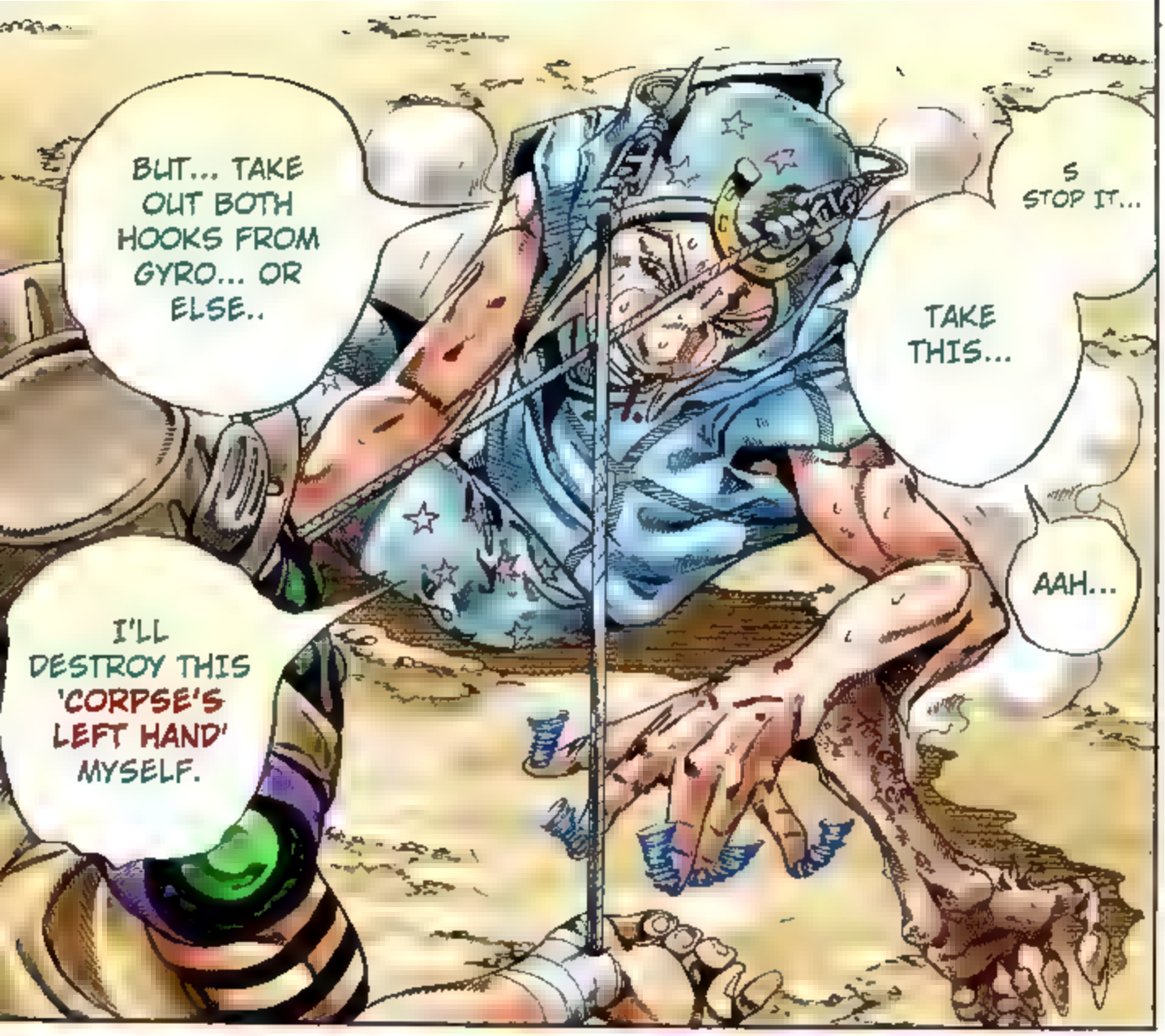
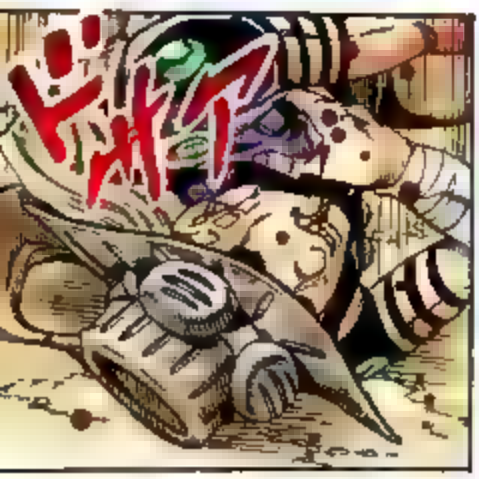
НОНО!
..... НЕ ТООК IT OUT...


BUT... TAKE OUT BOTH HOOKS FROM GYRO... OR ELSE..
I'LL DESTROY THIS 'CORPSE'S LEFT HAND' MYSELF.
S STOP IT...
TAKE THIS...
AAH...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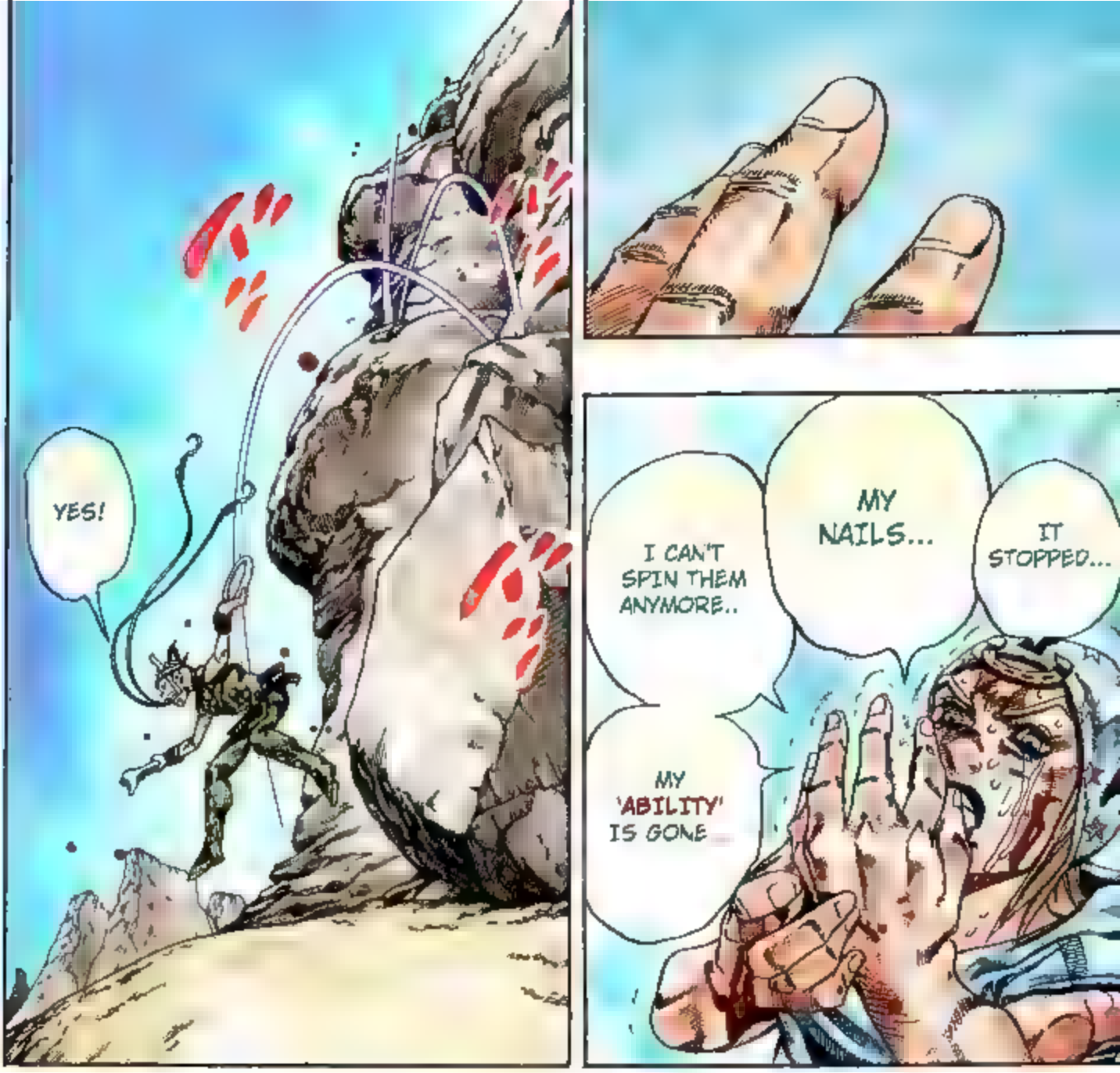
YES!
I CAN'T SPIN THEM ANYMORE..
MY NAILS...
IT STOPPED...
MY 'ABILITY' IS GONE...

I DON'T KNOW WHY EVERYONE WANTS THIS, BUT I'M INVINCIBLE!
I PROVED THAT I'M INVINCIBLE AND SMART!
NOW EVERYBODY WILL APPROVE OF ME! I'LL BE APPROVED AND I CAN CLIMB UP TO A HIGHER RANK!
WOW!
SO THIS IS THE 'CORPSE'?

THE NAILS WON'T SPIN, YOU SAY?
THEY ARE STILL SPINNING.
JOHNNY
THEY'RE IN THE MIDST OF SPINNING RIGHT NOW
AND NOW I'LL HAVE THEM DIE! GYRO IS STILL THE 'BAIT'!!
I DID IT!!

GYRO
I SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM.
BUT THEN... I COULDN'T HAVE USED HIM AS A HOSTAGE AND 'BAIT' ..
DYAM! EITHER WAY .
SHOOM
SHOOM
SHOOM
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I JUST MADE THEM SPIN...
NAILS OF THE 'CORPSE'.
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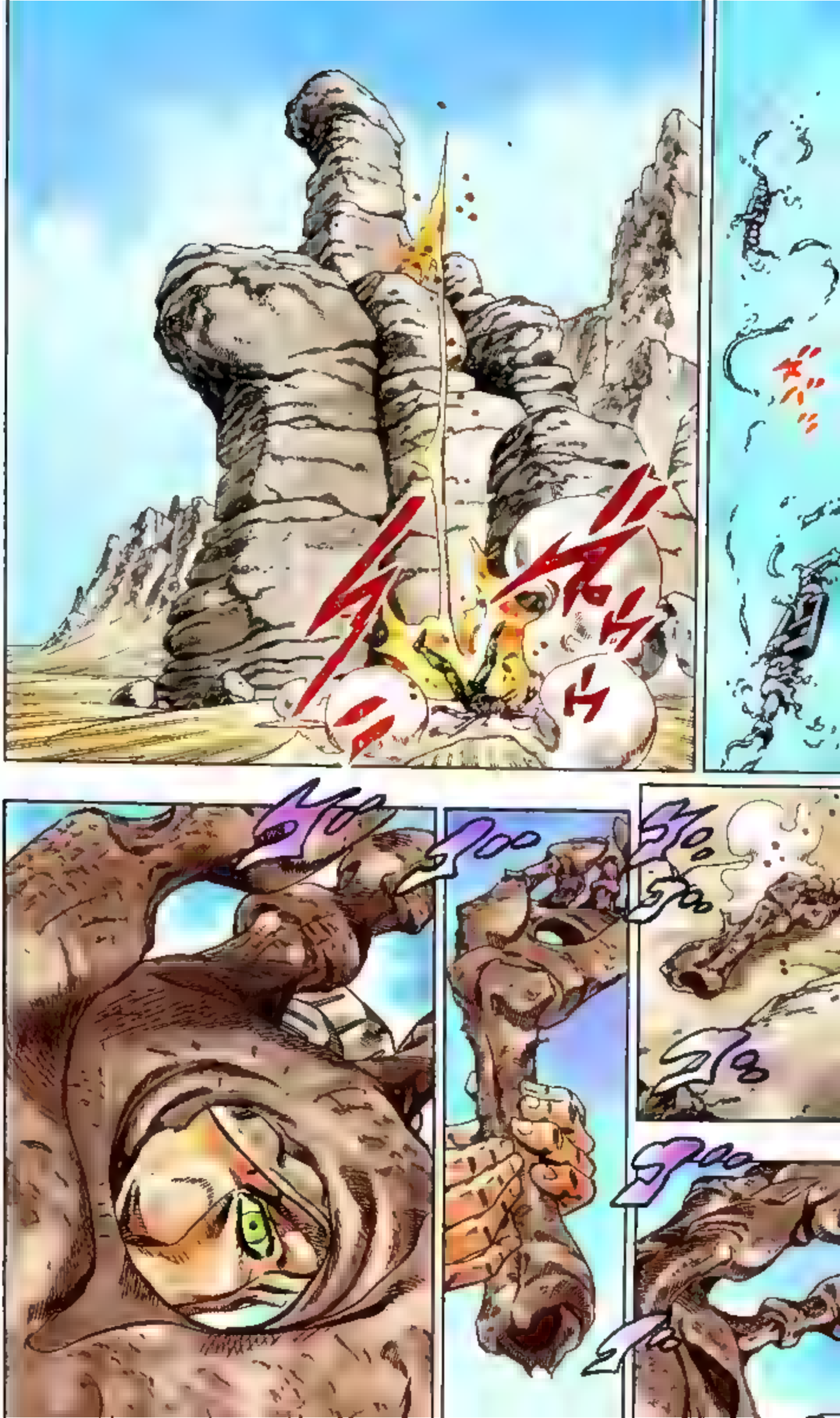

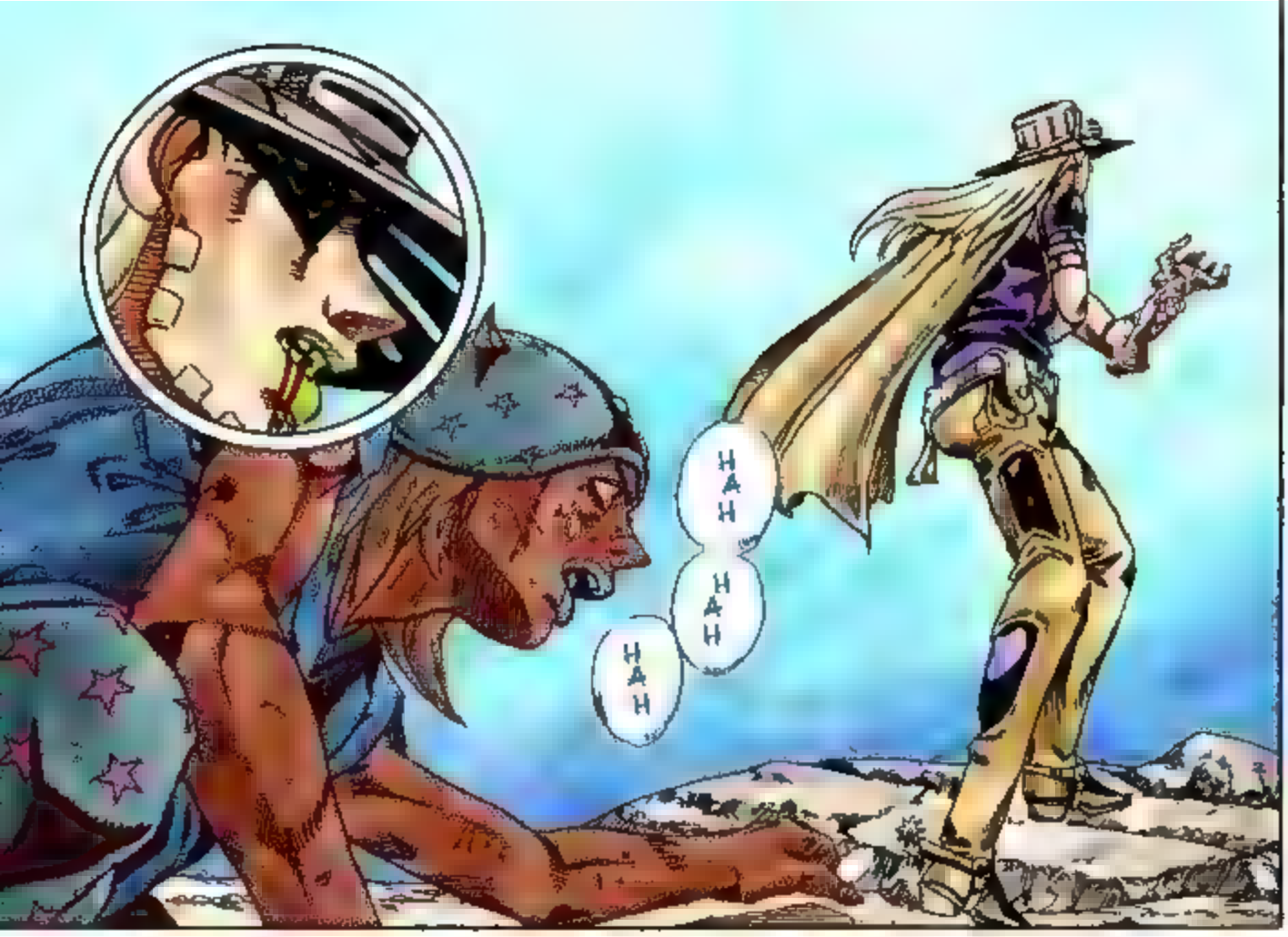
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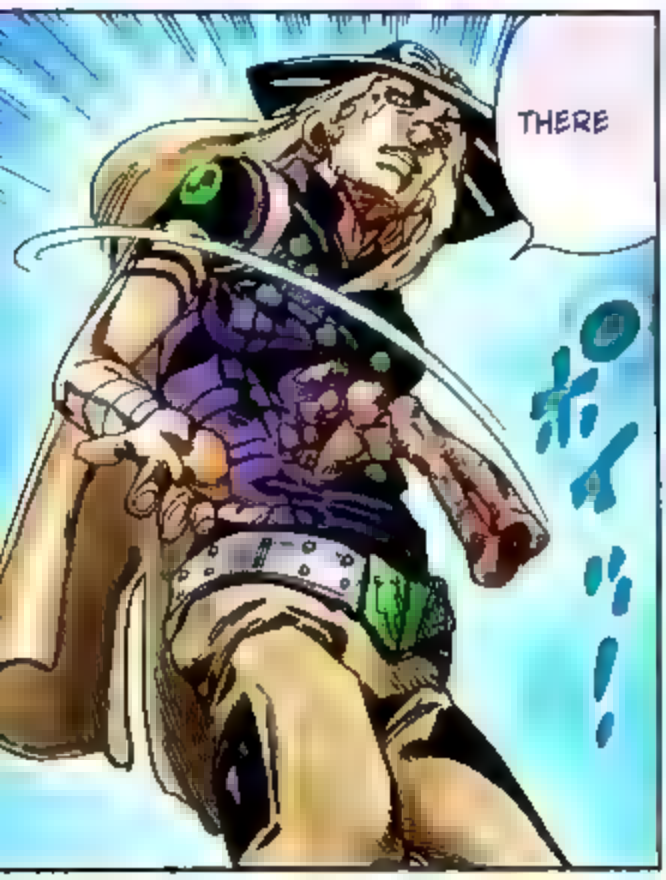
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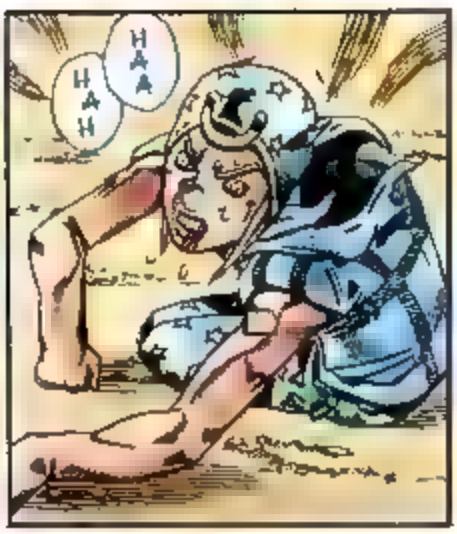
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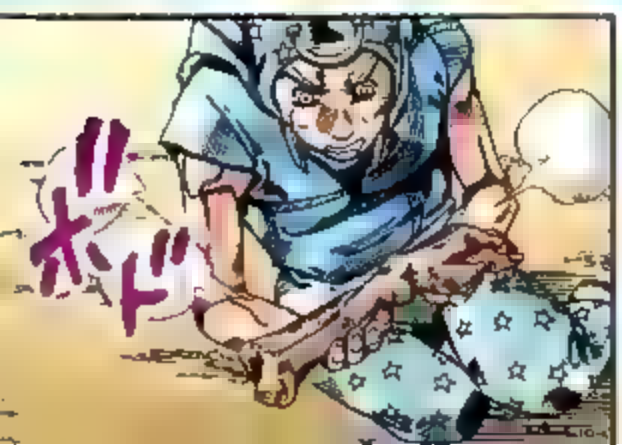
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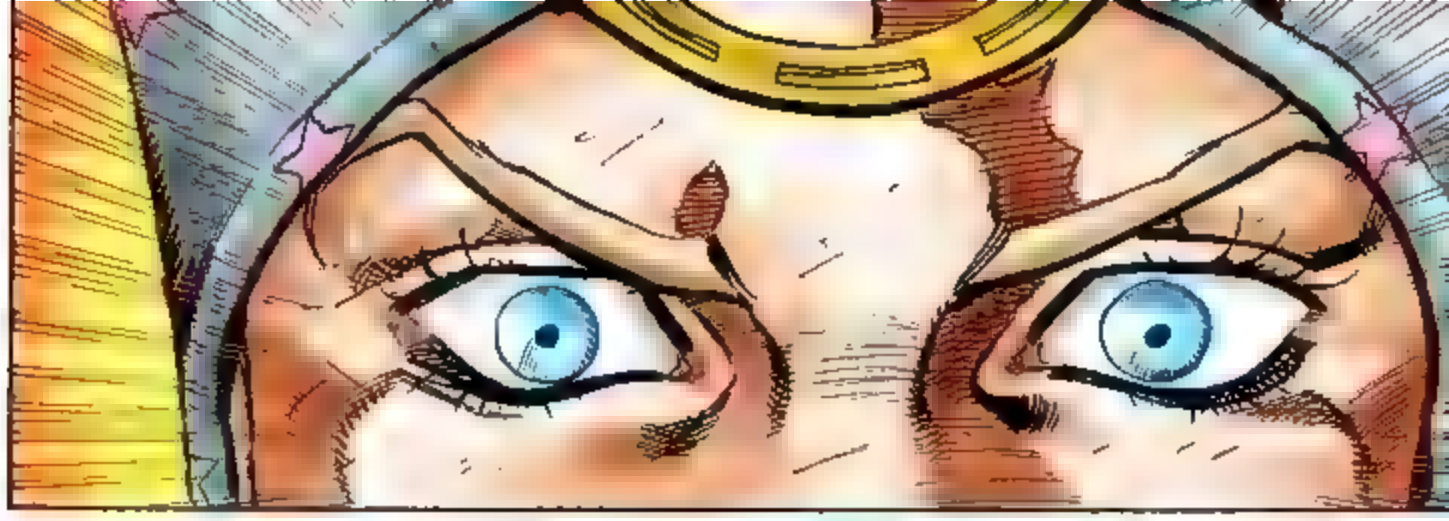
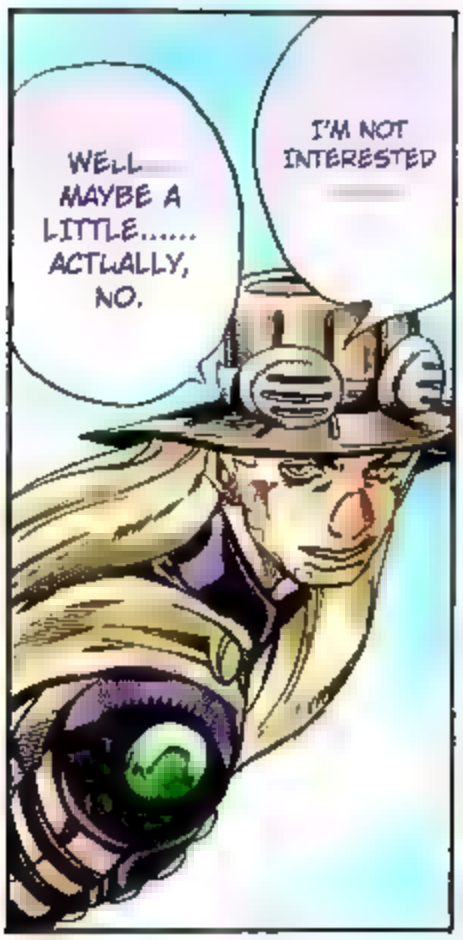
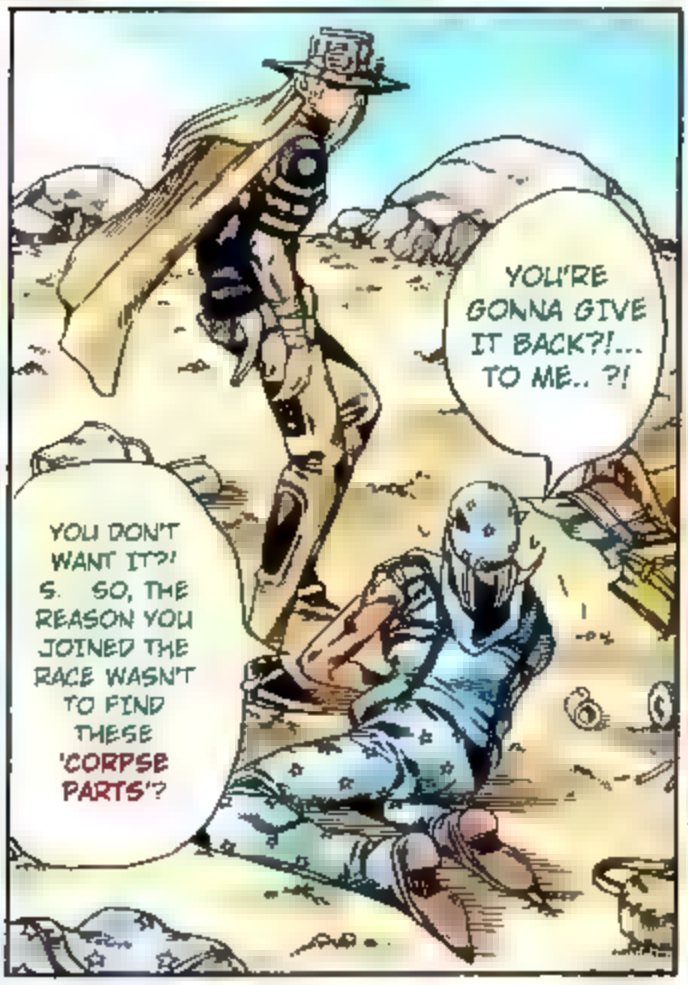
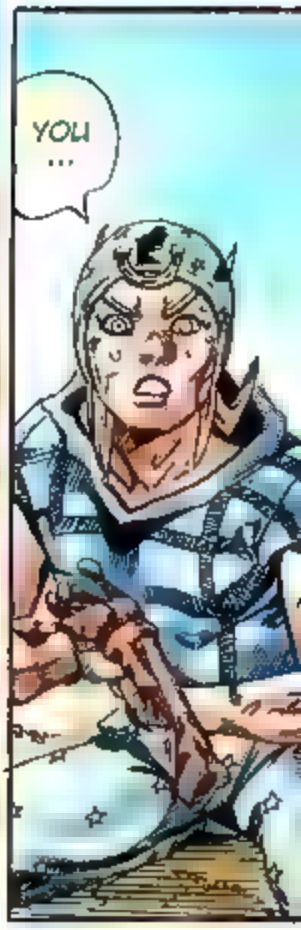



I'M NOT INTERESTED
WELL... MAYBE A LITTLE..... ACTUALLY, NO.


YOU'RE GONNA GIVE IT BACK?!... TO ME.. ?!
YOU DON'T WANT IT?! S. SO, THE REASON YOU JOINED THE RACE WASN'T TO FIND THESE 'CORPSE PARTS'?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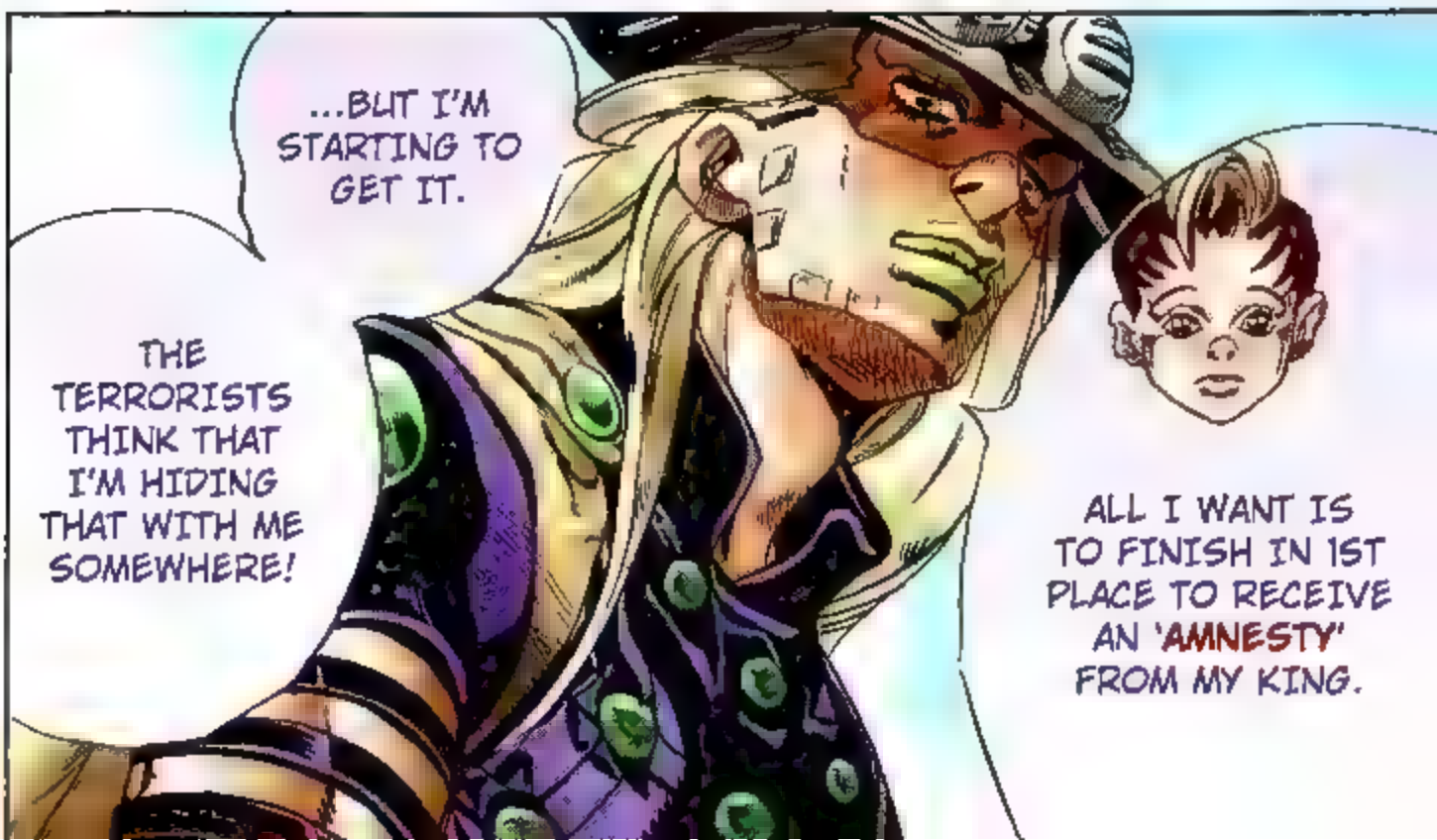
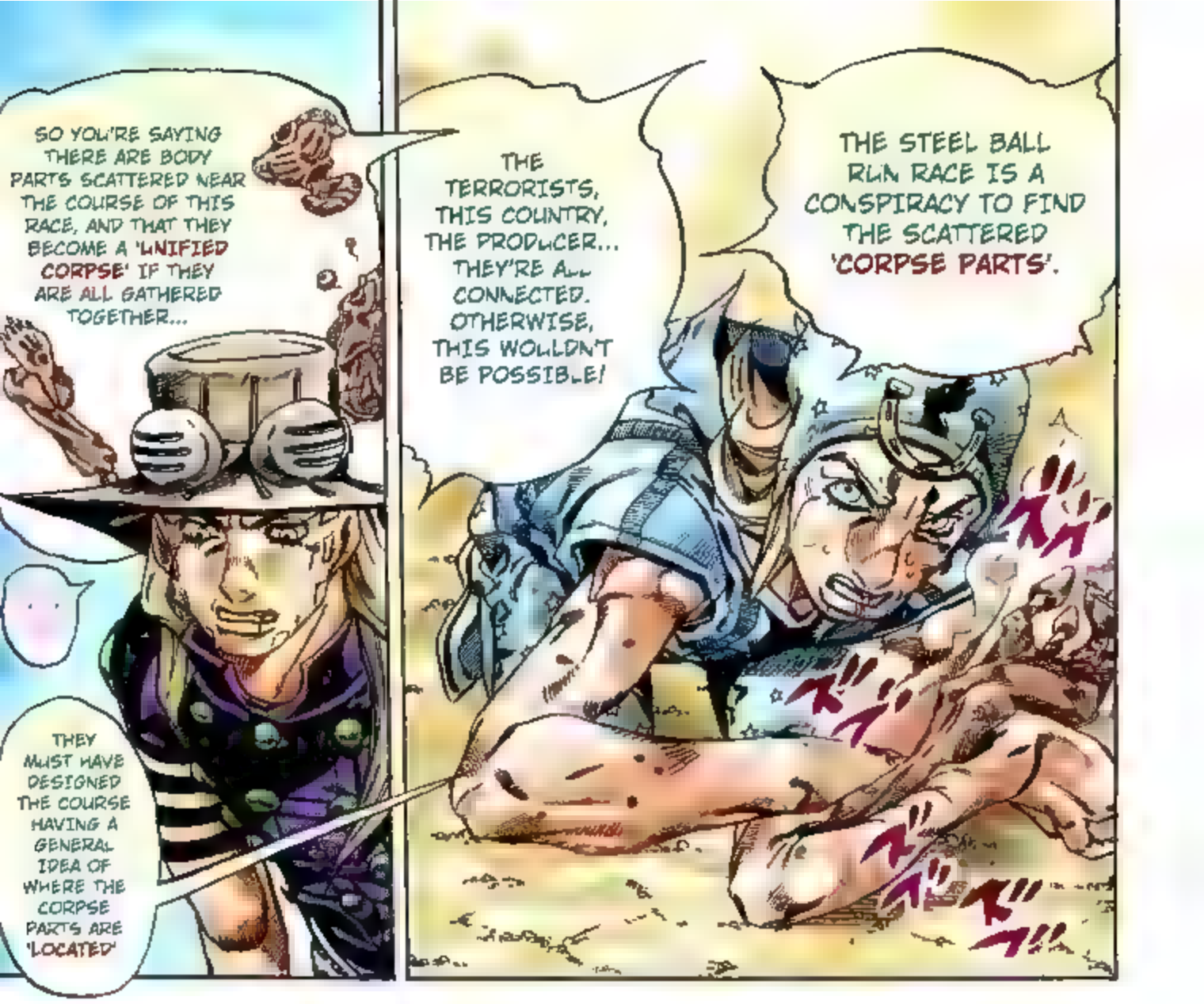
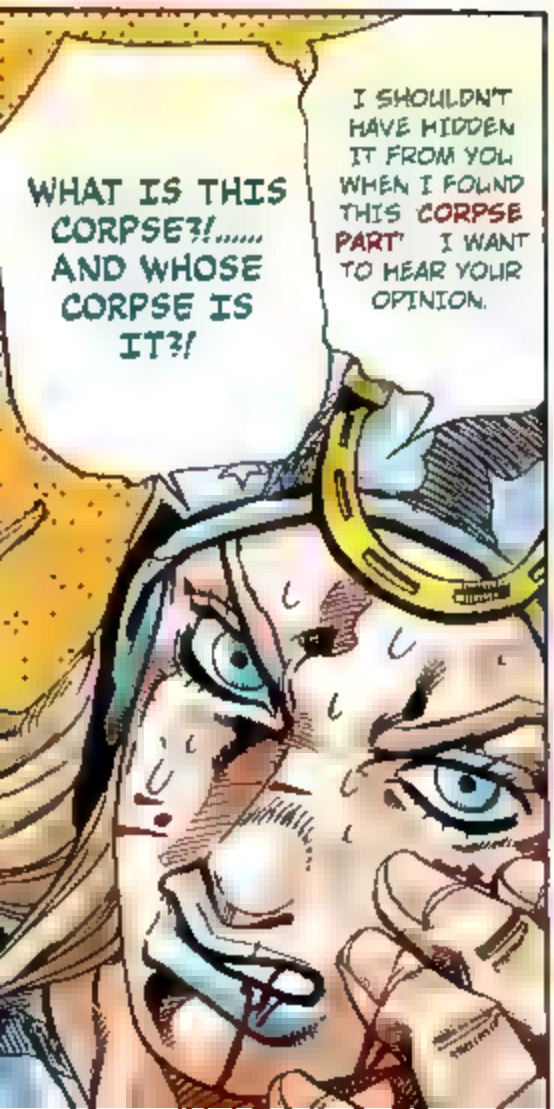
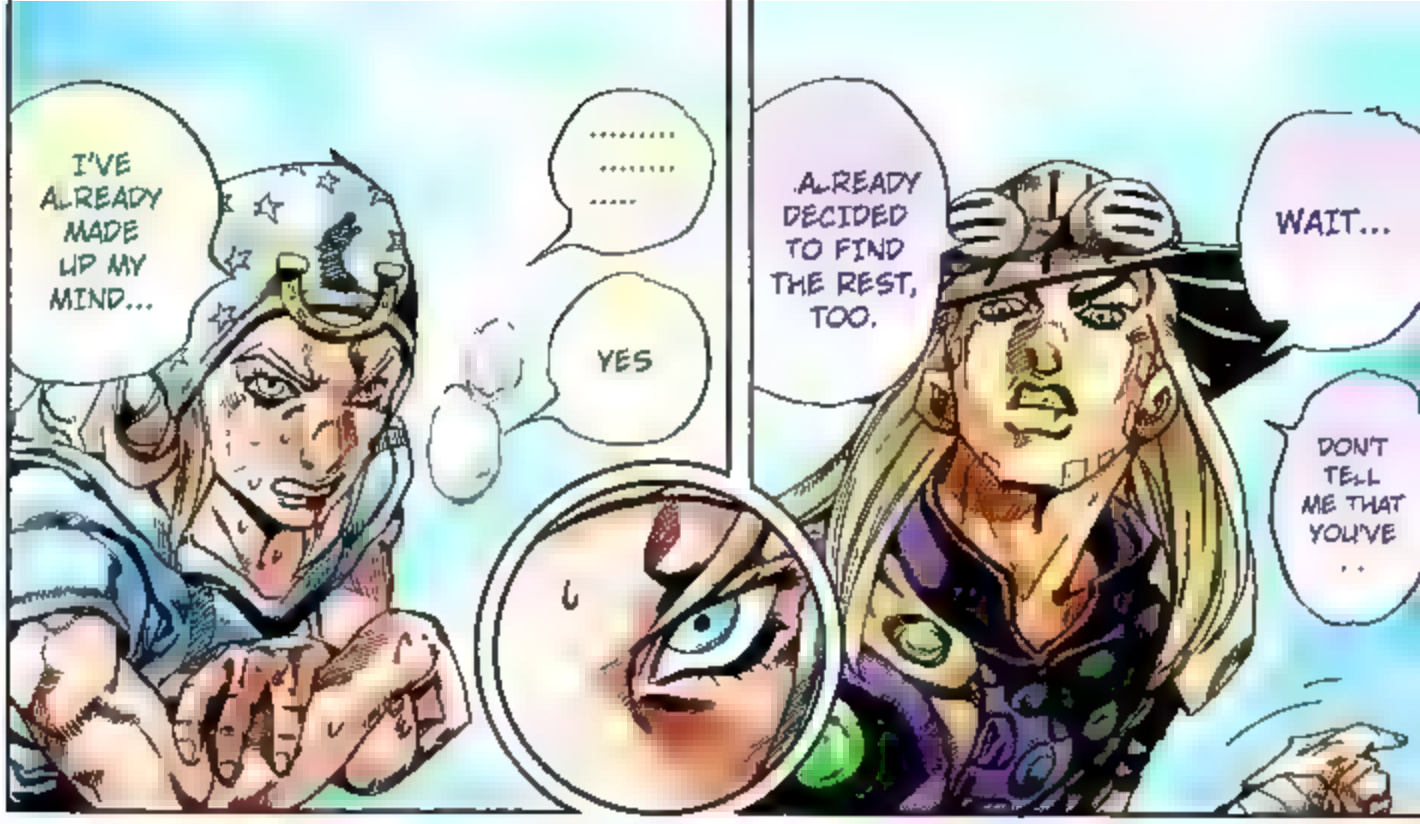

...BUT I'M STARTING TO GET IT.
THE TERRORISTS THINK THAT I'M HIDING THAT WITH ME SOMEWHERE!
ALL I WANT IS TO FINISH IN 1ST PLACE TO RECEIVE AN 'AMNESTY' FROM MY KING.


SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE ARE BODY PARTS SCATTERED NEAR THE COURSE OF THIS RACE, AND THAT THEY BECOME A 'UNIFIED CORPSE' IF THEY ARE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER...
THEY MUST HAVE DESIGNED THE COURSE HAVING A GENERAL IDEA OF WHERE THE CORPSE PARTS ARE 'LOCATED'
THE TERRORISTS, THIS COUNTRY, THE PRODUCER... THEY'RE ALL CONNECTED. OTHERWISE, THIS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE!
THE STEEL BALL RUN RACE IS A CONSPIRACY TO FIND THE SCATTERED 'CORPSE PARTS'.


WHAT IS THIS CORPSE?!..... AND WHOSE CORPSE IS IT?!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE HIDDEN IT FROM YOU WHEN I FOUND THIS CORPSE PART' I WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.

...AND THE TERRORISTS COLLECT ALL THE PARTS IN THE END .. THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS RACE
Monument Valley
...BUT 'THOSE WITH ABILITY' CAN FIND THE EXACT LOCATION ...
Santa Maria Novella Church


I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND...
.....
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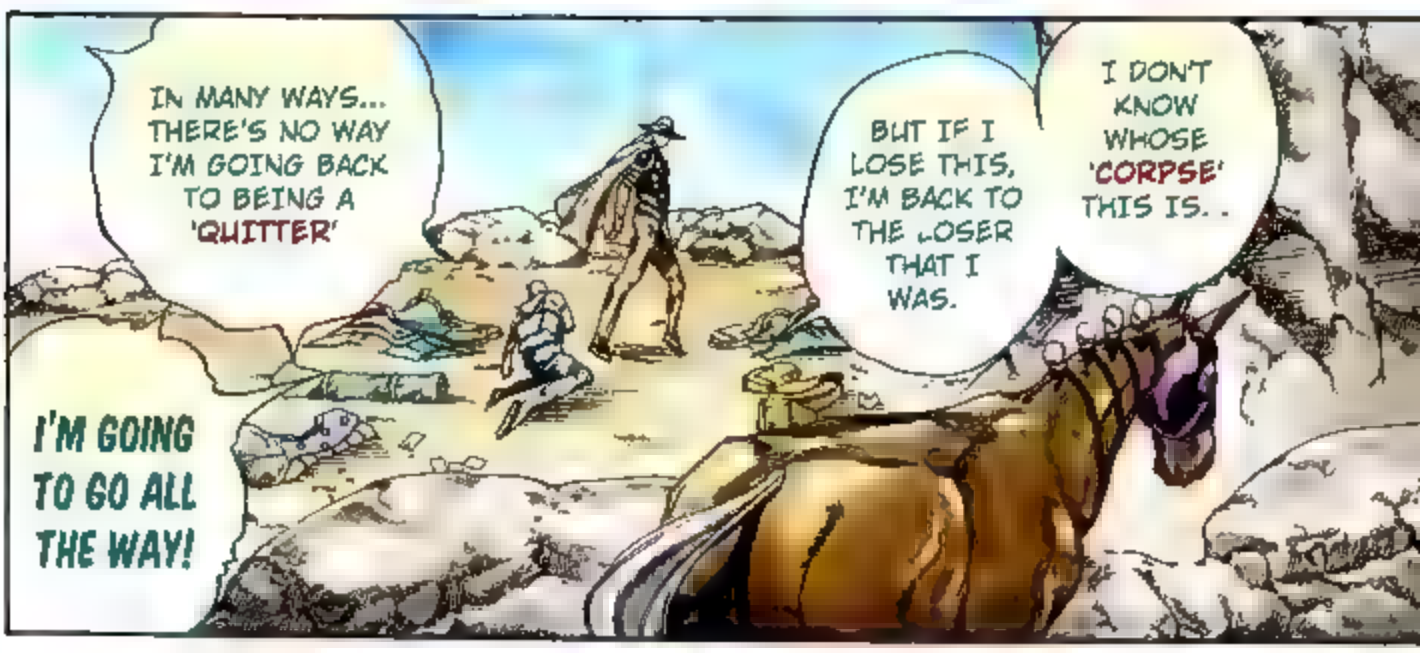
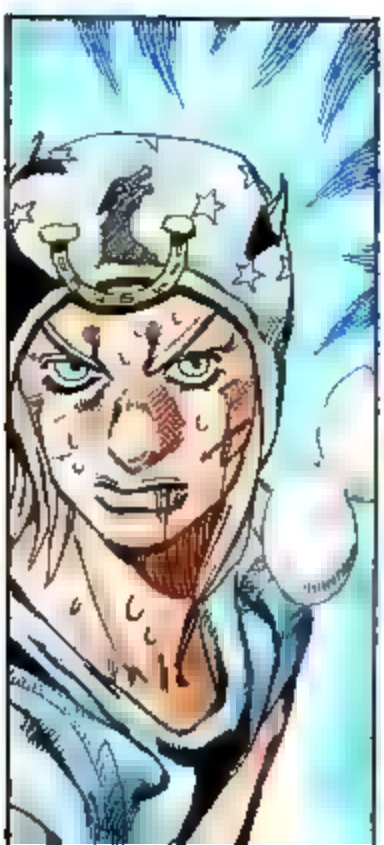
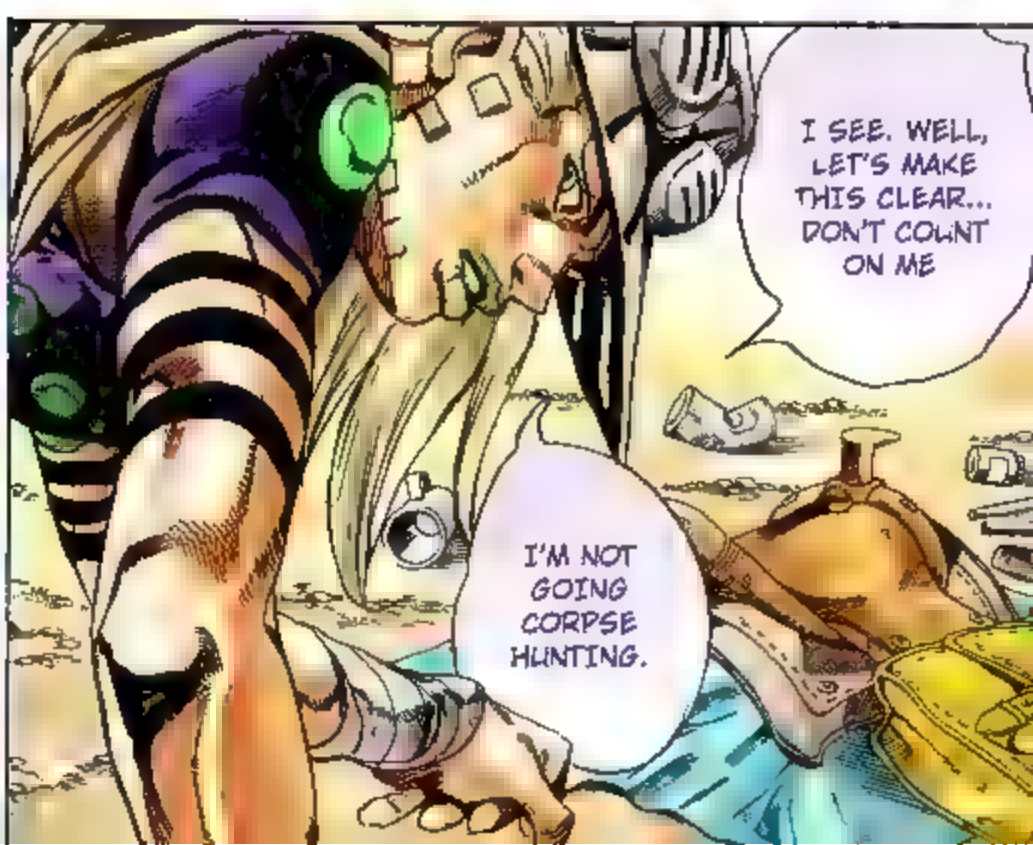
YES
ALREADY DECIDED TO FIND THE REST, TOO.
WAIT...
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU'VE . .


IN MANY WAYS... THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING BACK TO BEING A 'QUITTER'
BUT IF I LOSE THIS, I'M BACK TO THE LOSER THAT I WAS.
I DON'T KNOW WHOSE 'CORPSE' THIS IS. .
I'M GOING TO GO ALL THE WAY!




I SEE. WELL, LET'S MAKE THIS CLEAR... DON'T COUNT ON ME
I'M NOT GOING CORPSE HUNTING.

IF THESE TERRORISTS ARE SEARCHING FOR A MUMMIFIED CORPSE ..
BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I THINK.....
THERE MUST BE SOME 'RECORD' ON THAT CORPSE.
YOU'LL FIND IT IF YOU INVES-TIGATE.
BUT IT'S PROBABLY A CORPSE OF SOME 'SAINT'.

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I DON'T KNOW WHY THIS IS WRITTEN ON YOUR ARM, BUT IT'S LATIN
IT MEANS... 'MOVE YOUR LEGS'.
I'M JUST SAYING MY PERSONAL OPINION. YOU MUST BE THE TYPE THAT LISTENS TO HALF OF WHAT PEOPLE SAY, AND THEN JUDGE THEM!
WAIT! CALM DOWN, YOU...!
THIS IS MY ASSUMP-TION.
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT THERE IS A 'RECORD'. THERE IS A RECORD IN MY COUNTRY.
GYROOO! SO YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!
DO YOU KNOW...
.. WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THE WORD 'SAINT' IS USED FOR?
YOU CAN READ IT?
LATIN .
AN OLD LANGUAGE
LIKE, MARY... AND PETER... AND ..
WE...
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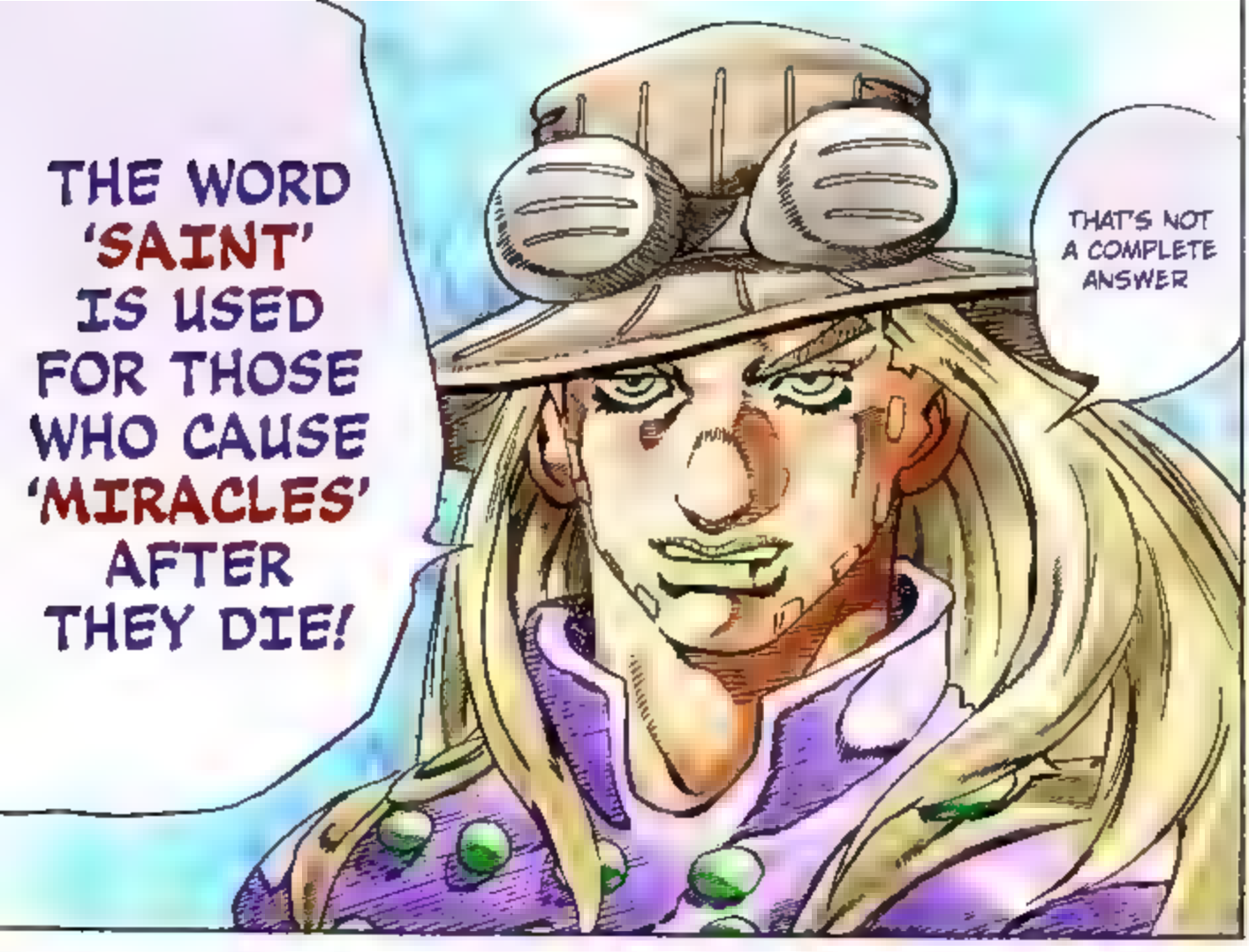
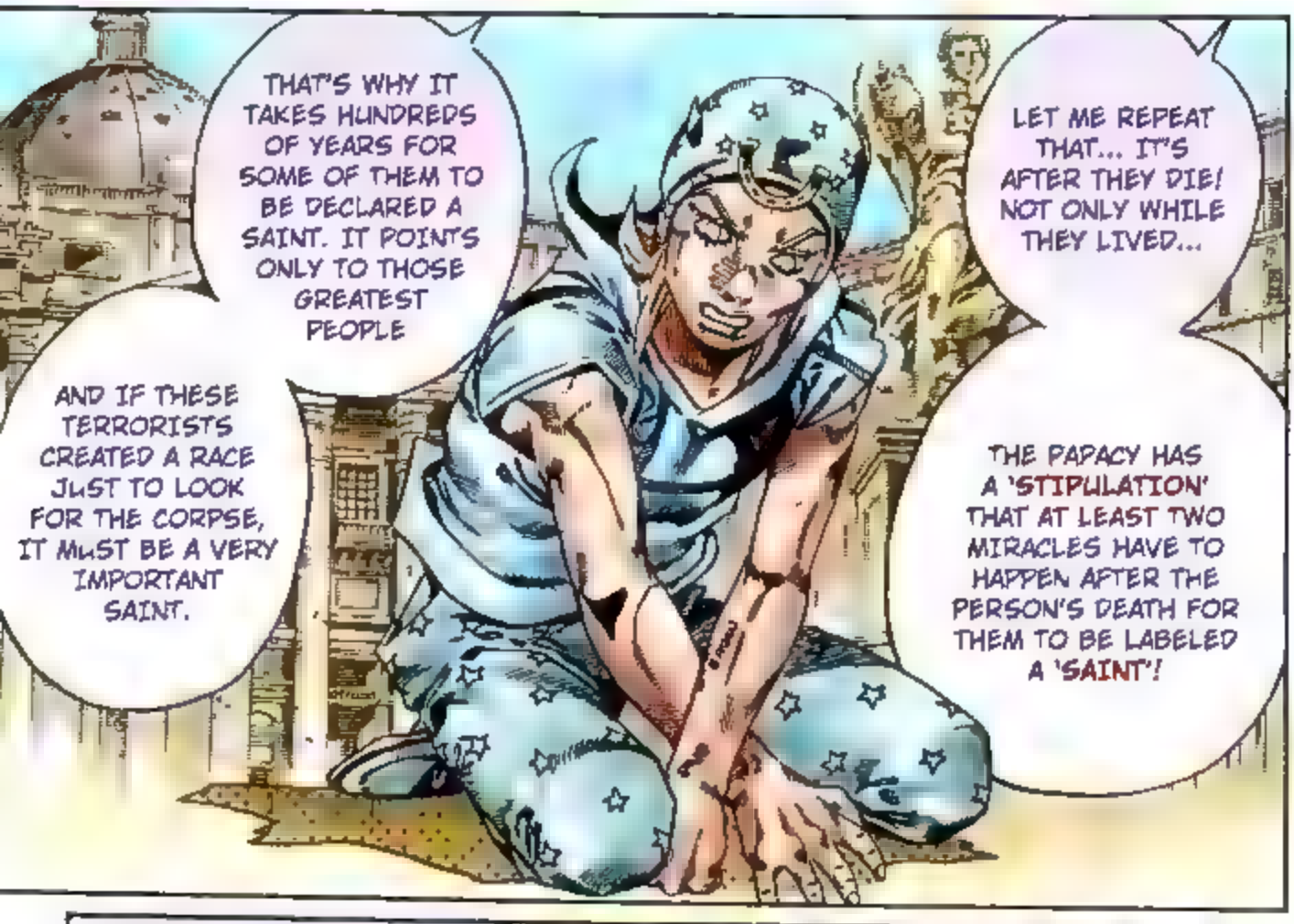
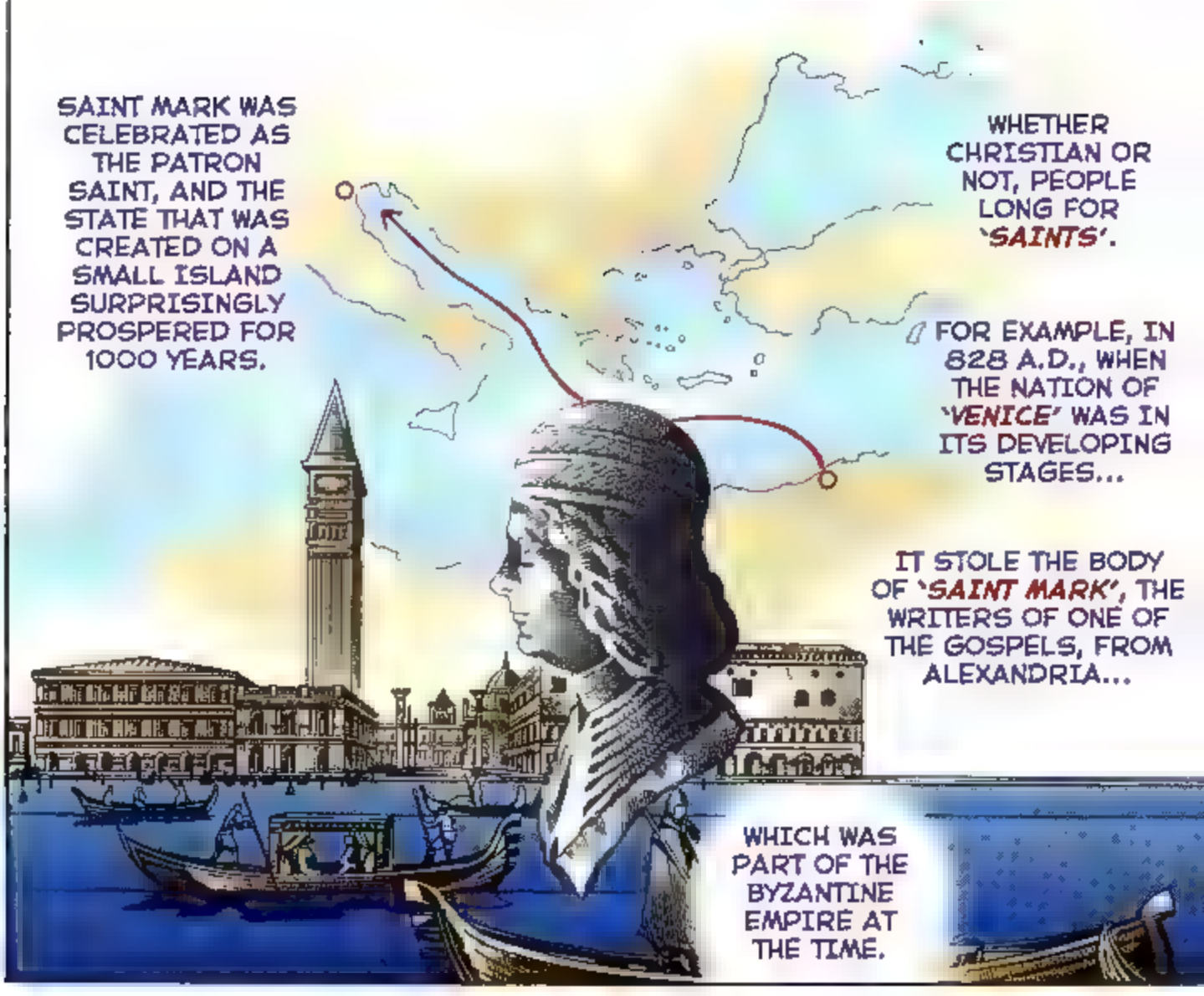
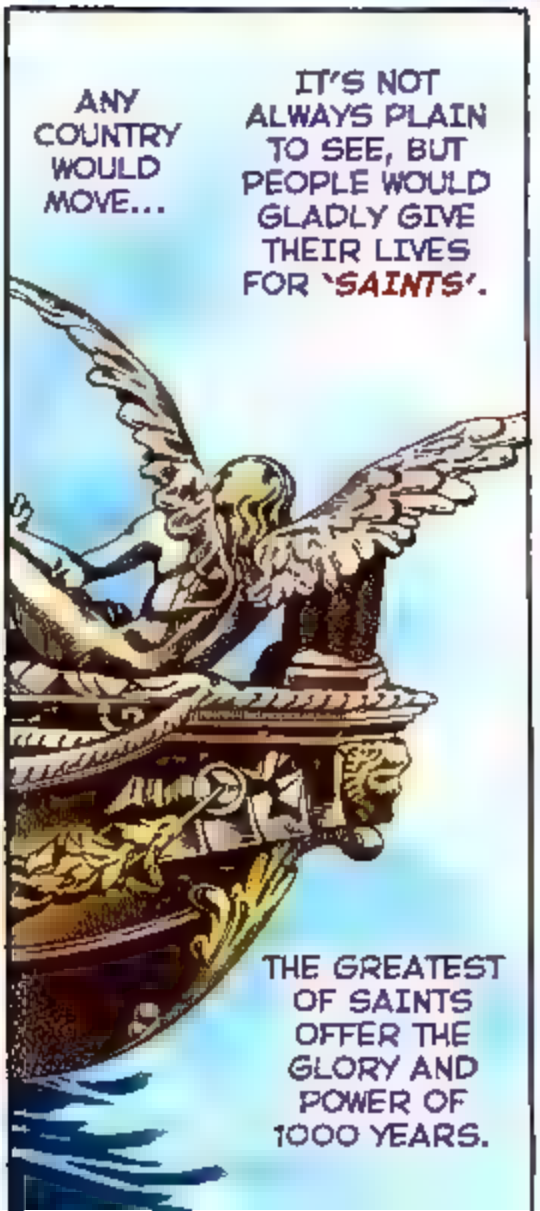

THE WORD 'SAINT' IS USED FOR THOSE WHO CAUSE 'MIRACLES' AFTER THEY DIE!
THAT'S NOT A COMPLETE ANSWER


THAT'S WHY IT TAKES HUNDREDS OF YEARS FOR SOME OF THEM TO BE DECLARED A SAINT. IT POINTS ONLY TO THOSE GREATEST PEOPLE
LET ME REPEAT THAT... IT'S AFTER THEY DIE! NOT ONLY WHILE THEY LIVED...
AND IF THESE TERRORISTS CREATED A RACE JUST TO LOOK FOR THE CORPSE, IT MUST BE A VERY IMPORTANT SAINT.
THE PAPACY HAS A 'STIPULATION' THAT AT LEAST TWO MIRACLES HAVE TO HAPPEN AFTER THE PERSON'S DEATH FOR THEM TO BE LABELED A 'SAINT'!

...AND THE BODIES OF SAINTS DO NOT ROT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

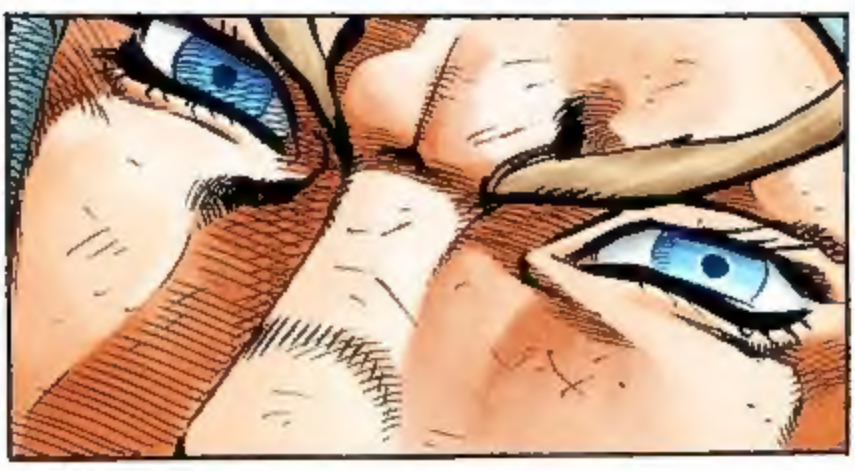

SAINT MARK WAS CELEBRATED AS THE PATRON SAINT, AND THE STATE THAT WAS CREATED ON A SMALL ISLAND SURPRISINGLY PROSPERED FOR 1000 YEARS.
WHETHER CHRISTIAN OR NOT, PEOPLE LONG FOR 'SAINTS'.
FOR EXAMPLE, IN 828 A.D., WHEN THE NATION OF 'VENICE' WAS IN ITS DEVELOPING STAGES...
IT STOLE THE BODY OF 'SAINT MARK', THE WRITERS OF ONE OF THE GOSPELS, FROM ALEXANDRIA...
WHICH WAS PART OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE AT THE TIME.


ANY COUNTRY WOULD MOVE...
IT'S NOT ALWAYS PLAIN TO SEE, BUT PEOPLE WOULD GLADLY GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR 'SAINTS'.
THE GREATEST OF SAINTS OFFER THE GLORY AND POWER OF 1000 YEARS.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S BECAUSE THE HAVE THE 'CORPSES OF SAINTS'.
A 'MILLENNIAL KINGDOM'... THE ONLY NATIONS IN HISTORY THAT HAVE PROSPERED FOR OVER 1000 YEARS ARE VENICE AND THE VATICAN, WHICH ITSELF HAS LASTED ALMOST 1900 YEARS.
EVEN THE HISTORIC EDO SHOGUNATE OF THE EAST ONLY LASTED 250 YEARS.

THERE YOU HAVE IT... TWO MIRACLES.
IF YOU DO IT IN THE VATICAN IT'LL BE EASILY RECOGNIZED AS A SAINT.
...THAT MUMMY ...
MY STAND ABILITY... MY NAILS 'SPUN'...
AND... 'MY LAME FEET MOVED' ...
...A S... 'SAINT' .....
MOVE!
YOU'LL FIND IT IF YOU LOOK IT UP IN MY HOMELAND, I'M TELLING YOU!
I'M JUST SAYING... IF YOU WANT TO LOOK FOR THE CORPSE PARTS, FINE...
BUT...
'SAINTS' EXIST FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE... SO THEY CAN NEVER BE HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS OF HISTORY... THERE'S ALWAYS A RECORD.
BUT WAIT, THIS IS THE NEW WORLD! HAVE ANY OF THE 'SAINTS' CROSSED TO AMERICA?!
AND WHY ARE THEY SCATTERED ACROSS THIS LAND?

AND THE 3RD STAGE!
LET'S DO THIS! MONUMENT VALLEY...
I'M GOING TO BE 1ST IN THIS RACE! AND YOU'LL BE 2ND! DON'T FORGET THAT PROMISE!
IF SO~~~, I'LL LET YOU COME WITH ME, JOHNNY!
GOLD ZEPP



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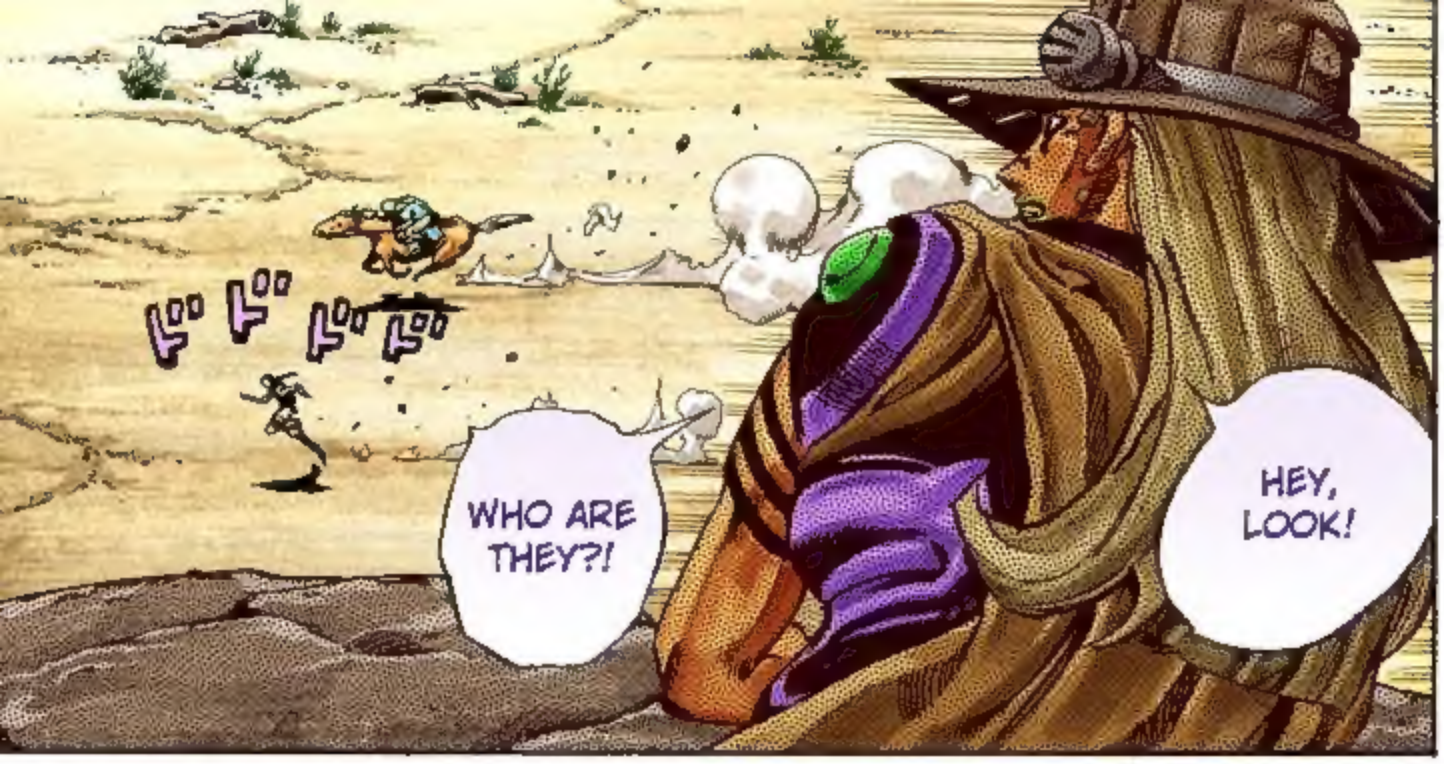
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